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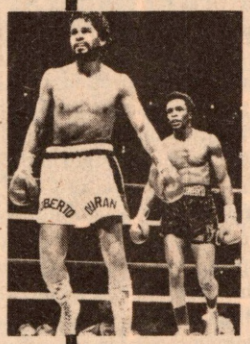

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RINGSIDE

THERE ARE THOSE OUT THERE WHO ARE beginning to get the idea that we don't like the WBC or the WBA. Nothing could be further from the truth. We just don't like what they stand for. Or, more importantly, what they stand still for.

Take Jose Sulaiman, for example. This worthy has served as the past president of the WBC, the newly-elected president of the WBC—in an election that had all the suspense of a presidential election in Korea—and, if the truth be known, will probably reign as the future head of the WBC. His domain extends the entire length and breadth of boxing, South Africa excluded.

Sr. Sulaiman is not a complex human being. He loves boxing and enjoys the power, prestige and perks that come with his position—not to mention the 1½% and 1% the champion and the challenger tithe back to the coffers of his organization on the occasion of every championship fight. For that he confers the blessings of his organization plus a championship belt which one wag has described as "looking like it was made up of broken Coke bottles found along the San Diego Freeway."

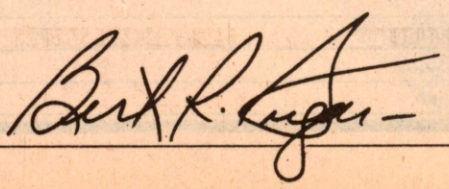
However, before we begin to sound like Johnny One-Note, let it be said that Sr. Sulaiman has begun to make some contributions—no matter how tentative or small—to the overall good of boxing. And for that he deserves our bouquets along with our brickbats.

What, you might ask, has Sr. Sulaiman done to gain esteem in our eyes? What indeed. For starters, he has initiated a passport system for fighters which hopefully would insure that fighters fighting under one name in one jurisdiction could not suddenly emerge under another name elsewhere. Moreover, properly enforced, it would serve as a prophylactic; one preventing boxers such as Willie Classen from getting the bejeezus beaten out of them in some foreign land and then coming back to their home territory for yet another serving, this one fatal.

But the operative words in this progressive plan are "Properly Enforced." For how in the hell can Sr. Sulaiman enforce his passport plan when he is forced to deal with local boxing commissions, such as the Louisiana State Athletic Commission, which failed to take urine specimens of the two combatants after the recent Leonard-Duran fight?—the first time in two years a commission has failed in its duty to do so after a WBC championship fight.

Another plan, which needed doing years ago, which Sr. Sulaiman has begun to implement is that of insuring the lives of fighters on championship cards—Those on the undercard, such as Cleveland Denny, insured for $25,000, and those in the championship fight itself, like Johnny Owen, $50,000. Such a plan is but the tentative start of a broader one for all boxers on all cards everywhere and deserves both merit and mention.

Other plans under Sulaiman's sombrero include such innovations as the Cruiserweight Division and a one-and-a-half minute rest period between rounds. The jury is still out on both and may well stay out. But, nevertheless, Sr. Sulaiman—who has been found before in this column to be trying—is still trying. For that he deserves some credit. For once.



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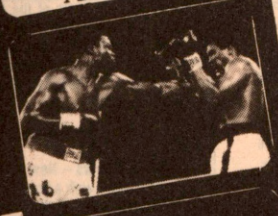

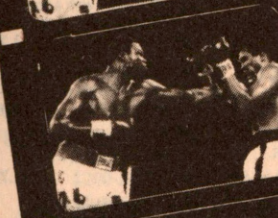

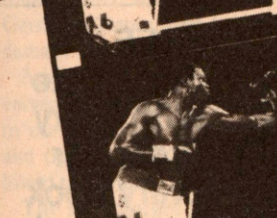

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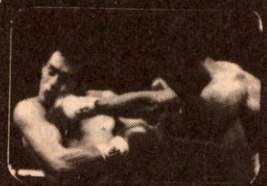

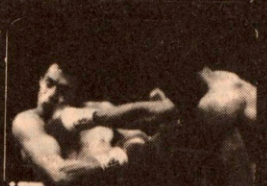

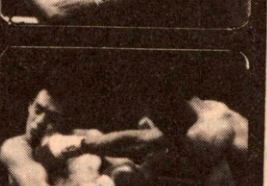

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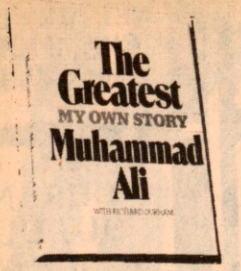

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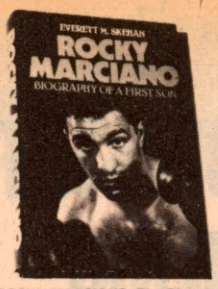

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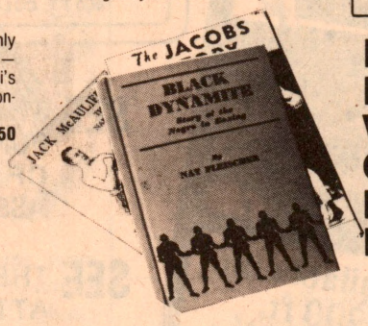

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BOXING'S LATEST COURTROOM BATTLE

A $200-MILLION DAMAGE SUIT WAS filed in Manhattan by the family of the late boxer Willie Classen. The suit charges Madison Square Garden, four physicians and a referee with negligence, resulting in Classen's death when he was knocked out by Wilford Scypion in the 10th round of their fight November 23, 1979 in the Garden. Classen died five days later of brain damage.

Attorney Joseph Napoli said the parties involved were careless and negligent and failed to use reasonable care on behalf of Classen, and that the fight should not have been allowed to continue after the ninth round.

The suit charges the ring physicians—one of whom was Classen's personal physician and none of whom were neurologists—with failing to follow good practice in examining the fighter during the bout. The suit claims that the physicians "should have told Classen what problems he faced if the bout continued."

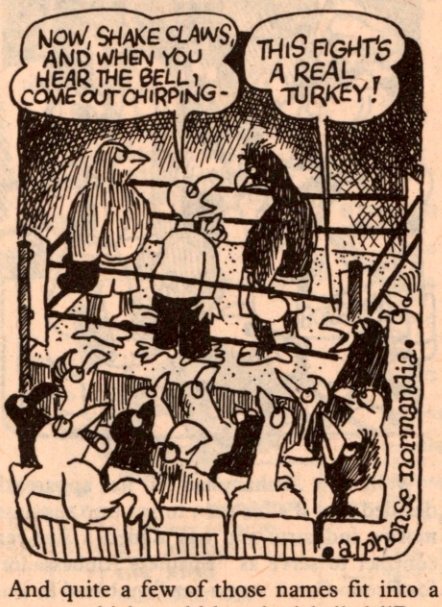
The suit also alleges that referee Lew Eskin was negligent in ". . . neglecting to heed the dededent's physical condition (and) . . . carelessly departing from accepted refereeing practices . . ."

Classen, who was staggered repeatedly during the ninth round and given an apparent standing eight-count, told a ring physician and his handlers between rounds that he could finish the 10th and final round. But when the bell rang for the 10th, he barely wobbled from his corner before he was battered into the ropes nearby scant seconds after the fateful 10th round started.

After his death, the State Athletic Commission conducted an investigation which absolved all parties of negligence. Gov. Hugh Carey then suspended boxing in the state until an investigation could take place. As a result of the investigation, several changes were implemented in the commission rules, changes which include a provision calling for an ambulance to be present at the fight site. And, the New York State Athletic Commission suspended Classen's manager, handler, the referee and the ring physicians.

BOXING HAS GONE TO THE BIRDS

THE NAME OF THE GAME IS TO make a lasting impression in the world of boxing. And one way to facilitate that process is to have, or come up with, an unusual name that people will remember. Thus boxers often come up with nicknames, new names, made-up names and borrowed names.



And quite a few of those names fit into a category which could best be labelled "Boxing's Aviary"—featuring fighters like Andy "The Hawk" Price, Lionel "Flapping" Eagle, Carlton Sparrow, Brad Crane, Marlon Starling, Al Byrd, Eddie Mallard, Willie "Birdlegs" Jenson . . . plus a lot of turkeys.

ONE AUTHOR IN SEARCH OF A STORY

REMEMBER WHEN KIDS, AFRAID of the dark, would conjure up nasty things in their mind—boogie men, hobgoblins and witches of every variety? Many of those kids grew up to become—ready for this?—investigative reporters. And, as such, they still see nasty things in the dark. Only now, they put them into print.

Sport Magazine has found one of those grown-up kids who still see things in the dark, Ed Kiersh, who, believing boxing to be as "corrupt as it ever was"—going back to the scenes made famous in "The Harder They Fall"—has embarked upon a "supposed" expose. The only problem is that while boxing welcomes good investigative reporting—nay, even needs it!—it doesn't need an expose based on sensationalism and sensationalism alone.

One can only hope that Mr. Kiersch—who sees conspiracies behind every bush, some more Machiavellian than anything that came out of Medieval Europe—will have the good sense to check out some of his wild theories. And that, even if he doesn't have one, his typewriter, as Ernest Hemingway best put it, "Has an inbuilt shit detector." Otherwise, the piece should be run alongside Hans Christian Andersen's best, not in *Sport* Magazine, which was once thought of as "the best."

BOXING GOES FROM PILLAR TO POST

A FIGHTER IN WHITE THROWS A right cross as his opponent, in red, sways back against the ropes in a classic ring scene against a blue background.

For all you postage stamp afficionados, the British Post Office recently issued a set of stamps dedicated to sports that you won't want to miss. The BPO sports stamps, issued worldwide Oct. 10, 1980, commemorate four unique anniversaries in sports. One of the stamps celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Amateur Boxing Association of Great Britain, the first organization to adopt point scoring. The other three stamps honor (or is that honour?) rugby, track and field and cricket, all of which became amateur sports in the British Isles 100 years ago also.

With the formation of the ABA on Feb. 25, 1880 in London came the first rules for scoring points. Point-scoring subsequently became part of every code of boxing rules throughout the world.

The ABA evolved from the discontent of the leading London boxing clubs with the amateur championships held under the Marquis of Queensbury rules. The ABA's sixteen new rules instructed judges to award the deci-

sion to the fighter who scores the most points and "displays the best style."

The first ABA championships were held in four weight classes in April, 1881 and, throughout the years, ABA champions have won seven Olympic boxing titles.

Maybe that's why they say, "If you can't beat 'em, lick 'em."

BARTENDERS TRIVIA CORNER

WHAT FAMOUS REFEREE'S FAther was middleweight champion and held John L. Sullivan to draw although outweighed by 40 pounds?

Last Month's Trivia Question: What professional boxer's last name began and ended with the letter X?

Answer: Since *The Ring Record Book* was first published in 1941, more than 35,000 boxers' records have appeared. In that time there have been only five men whose last names began with an X: Three South African boxers in the 1980 *Ring Record Book*, Rolly Xipu, Gift Xalava and Sazi Xhamlashe; Jose Xiala, a Cuban bantamweight competed from 1956-58 and compiled 1-5-1 record; and Armand Xhonneux, a Belgian light heavyweight who compiled a 5-4-0 mark from 1974-75. Xhonneux is also the only one whose name began and ended with an X.

FOUL-OF-THE-MONTH AWARD

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ATHLETic Commission has two legs up on the annual Foul-of-the-Month Award, winning for the second time by allowing a fighter, one Raul Aguirre, to appear on the undercard of the Kenty-Fernandez title fight even though he was under a 30-day suspension by the State of New York. And the State of Michigan knew about it!

Aguirre, an oft-beaten welterweight fighting out of San Antonio, Texas, had suffered a fourth round knockout at the hands of Domingo Ayala at New York's Felt Forum this past October 10th. When Aguirre was booked into Detroit's Joe Louis Arena to fight Milton McCrory on the undercard of the lightweight championship fight last November 8th, New York State Commission administrative assistant Jack Graham—brother of the "Uncrowned Welterweight Champion," Billy—called Michigan Commissioner Hiwawatha Knight to inform her of the suspension.

Did that stop Ms. Knight from allowing Aguirre from fighting 28 days after suffering a knockout? No. Did that start Aguirre on a fresh start in the right direction? No. Predictably, he lost in 2:48 of the first round.

It is just such a callous contempt for the welfare and well-being of boxers that will cause other tragedies of the sort which cost Willie Classen his life and reduce the effectiveness of boxing commissions further. When will the commissions ever learn? Before they all say "Good Knight"?

YOU AUTO RENT FROM ALI

GRAVEL-VOICED ROCKY GRAZIANO has been pushing Lee Miles for years now ("When your car's transmission is outta commission, where do ya go? To a pro . . ."). And the former Eddie Gregory (now Eddie Mustafa Muhammad) was once known to push vinyl seat covering for autos.

Well, now Muhammad Ali has apparently decided that it's his turn to get into the automotive industry, and has signed a five-year contract to serve as "Business Ambassador" for Econo-Car, a rent-a-car firm based in Boston. The company had apparently conducted a survey which showed Ali was "the most famous and most recognized popular figure in the world."

Ali announced his allegiance with the firm in Miami—where Econo-Car plans to open a regional office—and created one of his famous impromptu poems for the occasion:

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O.J. can't fly
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Econo-Car, once owned by Westinghouse, but purchased recently by Butler Industries of Boston, is planning a national advertising campaign centered around Ali—with a multi-million dollar budget.

Maybe that will be enough to drive Ali away from the ring—for good!

LAPSE AS IN MAPS

RIVALING THE ANCIENT RIDDLE of the Sphinx is the modern Riddle of the MAPS—Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, that is.

Most of those riddles have to do with the source of MAPS' money, one of their spokesmen saying facetiously "My rich grandmother finances this." But their methods are also a rich vein for exploration.

Take, for instance, their recent flirtation with bantamweight champion Jeff Chandler. First, they signed Chandler to fight Javier Flores last November 14th for the bantamweight title with an option on his next two defenses should he emerge victorious. He did, but MAPS didn't pick up his option, letting it lapse.

When asked why, one of their spokesmen said, "It's small potatoes." Maybe it is, in their scheme of things. But if it was such small potatoes, why did they bother in the first place? Or, did we miss something? Maybe that's the true Riddle of the MAPS!

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

GEORGE WARD, 80, WHO FOUGHT Mickey Walker during his fighting days.

JACK SINGER, one-time manager of Eddie "Flame" Gregory and also "The Flame Steak restaurant."

PUNCHLINES

DICK YOUNG ON ROBERTO DURAN: "Duran believes that if God intended to make women the equal of men, he would have given them beards."

British commentator Reggie Gutteridge, upon being questioned about whether he lost his leg in the battle of Normandy (yes, he did): "Oh, did you find it?"

Rocky Graziano, on his artistic talents: "I'm the best damn artist who ever spent nine years in the fourth grade.

E.J. GARY

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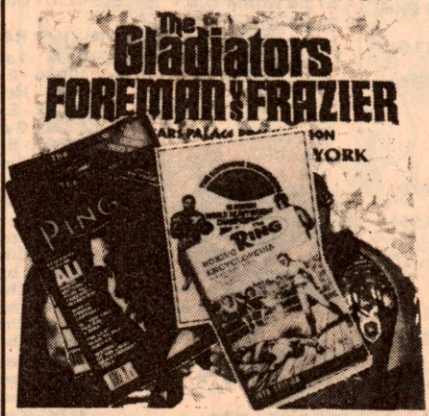

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QUESTIONS & AN

Q How many left-handed heavyweight champions of the world have we had—who were they? *—George Hendler*

A *The annals of boxing list many southpaw champions but no portsider has ever made the grade to the world championship of the heavyweight division.*

Q How many times was Rocky Marciano knocked down in his professional boxing career? *—James Acord*

A *Marciano was on the canvas twice, both in title bouts . . . Once in the second round by Archie Moore, September 21, 1955, with Rocky coming back to stop Moore in round nine . . . and once by Jersey Joe Walcott in the first round of their September 23, 1952 contest in which Rocky came back to knock out Walcott in 13 and win the world heavyweight crown. The following year, "The Rock" again met Jersey Joe and belted him to a ten-count in one round.*

Q How can you explain the knockout of Pipino Cuevas by Thomas Hearns when most experts kept feeding us that Cuevas and Roberto Duran would be the fight of the century and that Cuevas might beat Duran? *—Bob Kenshaw*

A *The explanation is simple.* That's boxing! *If the experts could correctly tab the outcome of every fight it would no longer be a sport and could be relegated to a computer. Cuevas was highly regarded and should have been. The problem was that Hearns was not held in sufficient esteem.*

Q Who originated the expression, "The bigger they come the harder they fall!"??? *—Kay O'Connor*

A *The man making the comment was Bob Fitzsimmons in 1902 during the usual pre-fight press comments when Bob was making a bid to gain back the heavyweight crown that he had lost to James J. Jeffries in 1899 by an 11-round knockout. On July 25, 1902, Jeffries proved another addage, namely: "a good big man will defeat a good small man." Jeffries, 206, repeated his defeat of the good little man, Fitzsimmons, 167, by knocking him out in eight rounds.*

RWERS

Q Was looking through a Chicago *Tribune* dated Nov. 28, 1930, and came across an ad that implied that some guy had over 500 KO's. The ad says: "See Ring Magazine for Amazing Record." Can you explain?

—Ivan Bunny

A *The advertisement in the Tribune referred to an ad in The Ring Magazine of a TRAINER who claimed to have used his methods to gain over 500 knockouts achieved by fighters under his charge. Not one fighter—but many.*

Q I would like the following information on Jake Kilrain, John L. Sullivan and Charley Mitchell, an English boxer: Vital statistics, dates they were professionally active, years they each held titles—if any? Weight classification, etc.

—Matthew Galligan

A *May I suggest that you purchase the 1980 edition of The Ring Record Book, price $20.00. It has the answers that space will not allow us to give here.*

Q Could you furnish us with the best five opponents who were defeated or drew with Al McCoy, who started as a lightweight and ended up as a heavyweight and fought out of Boston in the 1930's?

—Harold R. Quick

A *McCoy defeated Tommy Loughran via a 10-round decision and drew with Tommy over 12 in a later meeting. Al held a 10-round decision over Natie Brown, a 10-round decision over Harry Thomas and took a 10-rounder from Bob Olin. An outstanding fighter that he lost to was Bob Pastor over 10 rounds. Buddy Knox, in a tener, also took the measure of McCoy.*

Q In a recent issue, you quoted Cus D'Amato as saying that Jack Blackburn (who worked with Joe Louis), as a lightweight, fought heavyweights like Sam Langford, Gunboat Smith, etc. Is this really so?

—James H. Ward

A *Cus was 100 percent correct. The late Jack Blackburn, real name Charles Henry Blackburn, born 1883 at Versaille, Kentucky, stood 5'10" tall and weighed no more than 135 pounds at any time. He fought them all: middleweights, light heavies, and heavyweights. What a man! In addition to those you mention, he met such men as Harry Greb, Mike Donovan, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, et al. Blackburn passed on April 24, 1942.*

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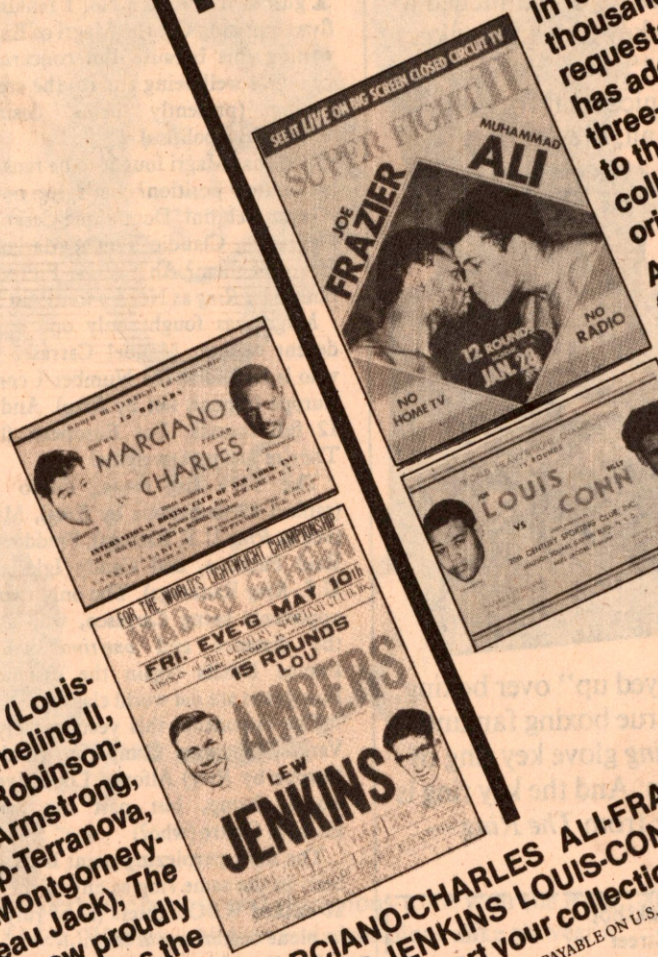

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COME OUT WRITING

WILL MAGRI BECOME ANOTHER OWEN?

I FEEL I MUST WRITE TO SHOW MY DISgust at the WBC's No. 1 ranking of EBU flyweight king Charlie Magri of England. I'm writing this because I'm concerned (a) for Charlie's well-being and (b) the credibility of boxing (presently being destroyed by WBA/WBC politics).

Who has Magri fought to be ranked in such an exalted position? Let's see now, 1978—Nessim Zebilini, Dominique Cesari, Sabatino DeFiappo, Claudio Tanda, Mariano Garcia. Heard of them? Ah yes, De Fillipo, recently ranked by *Ring* as No. 4—wait!—in Europe!

Magri has fought only one opponent of decent caliber: Manuel Carrasco of Spain, who is ranked as the Number 1 contender in Europe (though not by *Ring*). And he lasted 12 full rounds. But European flyweights? They're just makeweights!

The 1979 list reads: Filipo Belvedere (ranked #9 in Europe by *Ring*), Mike Stuart (6th in *Ring* U.S. Ratings), Freddie Gonzales, Raul Pacheco, and Candy Iglesias (9th in U.S. *Ring* Rankings). The only two "Name" opponents being Carrasco, who again went the distance and *one-time* world-ranked Franco Udella (again the distance). Both Europeans are *not* world class!

The opponents this year, namely Aniceto Vargas, Giovanni Campaturo (ranked #3 in Europe by *Ring*) Alfonso Lopez (yes the ex-world champ, but past his prime) and Enrique Castro (who?)

The most perplexing point is Magri hasn't been in the same ring as any of the other top 20-ranked WBC fighters (as of July 1, 1980), let alone beaten any of them!

Charlie, if you fight Oguma for the title, Good Luck! You're a good fighter, but untested at world level. (Remember Johnny Owen!) It's unfair for a potentially good fighter to find out what it's like to fight a good pro in a world title bout!

Finally, *Ring*, keep up the good work (the Ratings are the only ones worth considering) and please look into the fight histories of potential world title opponents. Poor Johnny Owen never had to take a decent punch before meeting Pintor. What talent, what a waste! Let's hope sanity returns before it's too late.

E. KING, LONDON, ENGLAND

PUT ALI IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION

I BELIEVE JEAN PIERRE COOPMAN WAS suspended from boxing for his poor showing against Muhammad Ali. Is anyone thinking about extending such a courtesy to Ali for the good of boxing and the health of Ali?

GEORGE G. WILSON, BALTIMORE, MD.

THE "C" IN WBC HARDLY STANDS FOR CONSISTENCY

WHY DID THE WBC SANCTION THE rematch between Duran and Leonard when their rules prohibit just such a rematch? And strip Leon Spinks of the WBC title for accepting a rematch with Ali?

BOB LORENZ, JR.

BOXING'S TWO CUSTARD PIES

WHAT A MOCKERY! FIRST WE HAVE Holmes-Ali, then we have Leonard-Duran. This is something like the White Sox scandal of years ago. Praise you for saying Sulaiman is wrong, matching these two for another fight. I believe you are right when you say your magazine will not cover another Ali fight.

We, the public, are being robbed. These so-called fighters are rich and getting richer on our ignorance. Please do not give these two pirates any more space until they deserve it.

FRED ZIMMERMAN, SAN FRANCISCO, CA.

A KNOCK ON "THE HIT MAN"

ALL THIS TALK ABOUT HOW GREAT Thomas Hearns is has a singular purpose—to instill fear into Sugar Ray Leonard. And Ray knows this: In fact, the only chance Tommy Hearns has is literally for Leonard to be scared stiff—Quote Mr. Hearns, "He has great boxing ability, but what good is all that when he's scared to use it?"

Fortunately, Ray is not likely to be scared. The reason is simple, Tommy Hearns couldn't box his way out of a paper bag—and he knows it! Hearns deserves credit for a good straight right and an intimidating stature, but stature never did Primo Carnera any good. Harold Weston Jr. gave Hearns a near fatal boxing lesson, and only Weston's cut eye saved Hearns from being stopped. Sure he beat Cuevas, but Pipino has no concept of defense. Other than the ex-champ, Weston, and a punched-out Espada, Mr. Hearns' competition has epitomized mediocrity.

Don't expect Ray Leonard to be frightened when they meet—expect Tommy Hearns to be shaking in his trunks.

MATTHEW STERN, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

WATT'S GOING ON HERE?

TO *RING MAGAZINE*, JOSE SULAIMAN and anyone else who thinks there is justice in boxing: I just watched the Watt-O'Grady WBC lightweight championship fight and I was appalled! O'Grady was clearly winning. Watt had to do something, so he butted him! The referee missed it?! Then stopped it! What a joke. I truly think the fix was in. This tops the Lockridge-Pedroza travesty. Boxing take heed!

PHIL SEELEY, SEATTLE, WA.

HAS NO STOMACH FOR ROBERTO

I WANT TO DIRECT THIS LETTER TO our has-been, traitor champ, Roberto Duran. I have tried to find one excuse to give him a way out, but even though I can usually come up with excuses in a pinch, I cannot come up with a legitimate one for Duran. Here was a man that was loved by so many and kids of all ages who wanted to be so much like him. What about them, Roberto? Will you be able to kick back and enjoy your millions?

If you can, your trainer was right—you've got no heart! You shamed your 81-year old trainer into retirement and you shamed your fellow countrymen. Even if you did take a pay-off, what more did you want? You were already eight million to the good, win or lose, Brother. Just how much money can a man want in this world?

It wouldn't have mattered even if you lost, fighting like the Roberto that we loved so much. But you broke our hearts, Roberto. This is the biggest black-eye the boxing world has ever suffered. Ron Lyle showed more class than you did! There will be people that will still love you, and call you smart, wise, and rich. To each his own, but this is mine, Roberto: You went out like a punk. What a waste of such a legend, such a powerful person. There is no understanding of the way you gave it up. As I know, and I will always say, Leonard would never see the day that he could beat you. I did not lose a cent on you but, you took a lot of what was in my heart for you.

As far as the sport of boxing goes, I wish that your purse could have been given to all the fans you had in Panama to build them a gym so they could at least say something good about you. Whether we ever know why you did what you did or whether you will ever fight again really makes no difference now. Eat your steaks and drink your orange juice and face the world that so loved you, the world that you betrayed.

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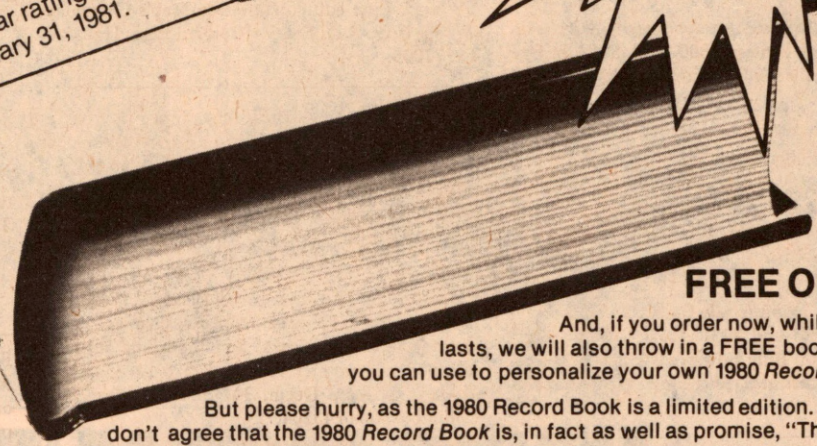

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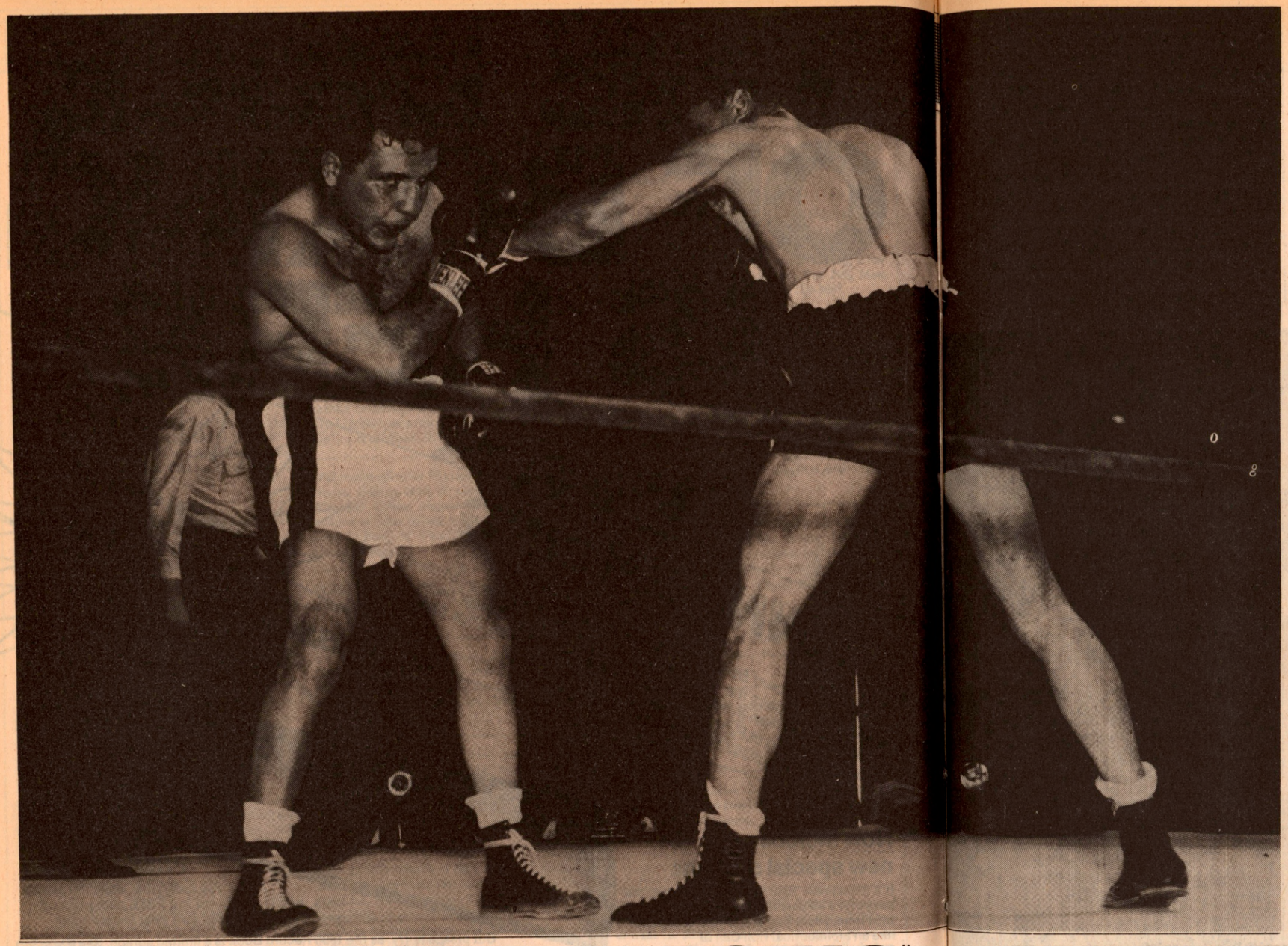


JUST HOW "RAGING" WAS THE "BULL" OR IS THIS MOVIE REALLY NECESSARY?

By Bob Waters

(Above) The Shame. Blackjack Billy Fox lands a harmless left jab to LaMotta's arm. Jake later testified that he had dumped to Billy, permitting the mob-backed fighter to pummel him at will against the ropes until referee Frank Fullam called a halt.

(Right) The Glory. LaMotta knocks Sugar Ray Robinson through the ropes in their second meeting in Detroit. Jake won via unanimous decision over Ray, a 3-1 favorite whom many had considered as unbeatable. It was the Sugar Man's first loss as a professional.

LATE IN 1965, RANDY TURPIN'S HAIR was as black and his teeth as straight as they had been in 1951 when he was middleweight champion. He had problems focusing his eyes and he didn't hear well. But that wasn't the difference.

On this December night in 1965, Randy appeared at Toots Shor's restaurant in mid-Manhattan, a guest at dinner of Madison Square Garden. His shoes were split across the top and the suit he wore was shabby from over 10 years of daily use. The collar on his spotless white shirt was frayed and his tie was only a remnant of what early on had been a Seveile Row creation.

Turpin was broke as in penniless—not the traditional things-are-going to-be-tough-until-payday kind of broke, but in the I-don't-know-when-my-next-payday-is-going-to-be version of the word.

Randy had been flown in on a BOAC plane by the Garden which also paid for his hotel room, his meals and gave him some walking-around money. Randy hated flying, but he enjoyed eating—even if he had to fly 3,000 miles for a freebie.

Randy was the Garden's guest because he was going to be exploited, along with Gene Fullmer, Carmen Basilio and Bobo Olson, in a "Farewell to Ray Robinson" night which would precede a welterweight title fight between the titleholder, Emile Griffith, and Manny Gonzalez.

That night at Shor's was a lark for Basilio, Fullmer and Olson. Meeting old friends, they smiled and shook dozens of hands. Basilio, a coach at an Upstate New York college, was flown in from Syracuse; Fullmer, a mink rancher, had a free flight from Salt Lake City; and Olson, who still was boxing, but said, "I've got a couple of bucks salted away," came in from San Francisco. It was no lark for Turpin. It was payday. He was breaking even and that was better than he had been doing

"I guess you could say my occpation is wrestling," Turpin said. "I wrestle ocassionally in England, Scotland and Wales, but the pay isn't very good. Sometimes I rent a transport lorrie (a moving van) and I move things when people want them moved."

Turpin spoke in a hushed voice that was barely audible. He was hard of hearing and fearful that he might talk too loudly. "It's a bit of a bother," he said that night, "but people don't seem to mind much."

Olson sat next to Turpin and Turpin

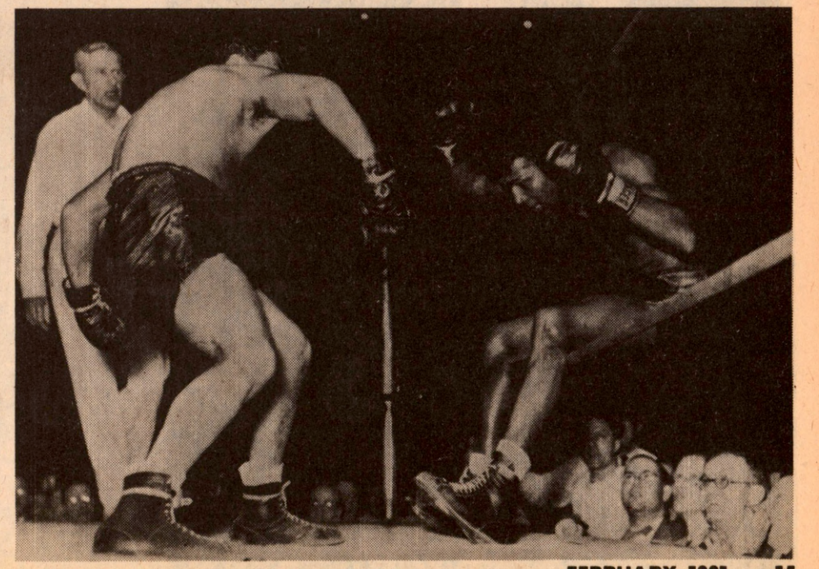
HAS LAMOTTA FORFEITED HIS CHANCE FOR THE HALL OF FAME?

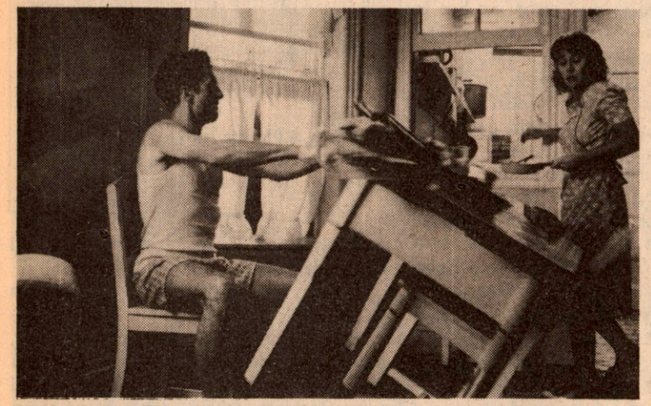
Because of his incredible record, Jake LaMotta is a candidate for Boxing's Hall of Fame. Had LaMotta not forfeited his right to ever again appear among boxers or boxing fans, he would have been elected to the hallowed list years ago.

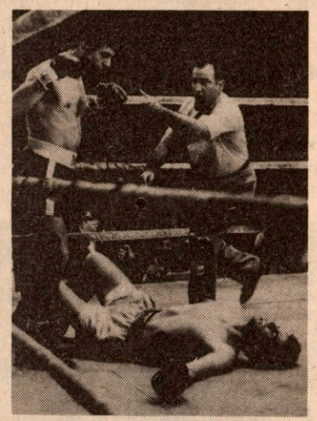
But LaMotta did forfeit that right.

It might be that LaMotta is today what he claims he is—a new man—one who has done penance for his sins, But the Hall of Fame doesn't judge men by their demeanor out of the ring. It judges them on what they did in the ring. LaMotta did wonders, but he also scarred those wonders by betraying all boxing fans, all of his opponents, boxers in general and boxing in particular.

When LaMotta agreed to throw the fight with Billy Fox, he also agreed to forego consideration by posterity. So be it!







From top to bottom, left to right: DeNiro as LaMotta, the great fighter; The celluloid LaMotta entertains in his own night club; Jake and his first wife enjoy domestic bliss; Cathy Moriarty plays Vickie, LaMotta's second wife; Real life referee Martin Denkin plays the ref in the LaMotta-Janiro contest; Nicholas Colasanto plays the underworld boss who teaches Jacob wrong from right.

(Right) The great Marcel Cerdan lands a hard right to Jake's jaw in the second round of their bout in Briggs Stadium. LaMotta won the title when Cerdan failed to answer the bell for the 10th frame.

strained to hear Bobo's words. Turpin's eyebrows would move to the top of his head as he tried to concentrate when Olson talked. When he thought he had heard a question the eyebrows came down so heavily that he seemed to squint. And then he answered. Softly.

"I still live in Leamington Spa, about 100 miles from London," Turpin told Olson. "I see London enough and, anyways, Leamington's my home; it's where my kids are—four of them—girls. You'd like them, nice girls, from 11 years to one."

"I have nine," Bobo told Turpin and Randy smiled, which meant he hadn't heard Olson. "From 19 to nine," Bobo said without explaining that once he had kept two households, one in Honolulu and the other in San Francisco, and that birthdays were an embarrassment in his house.

"One of these days I'm going to be a grandfather," Olson said, "the only grandfather in the business. (Olson was 39 although his record said 37).

Turpin heard only part of what Olson had said. "A grandfather? That's splendid. How many grandchildren do you have?" Turpin asked.

Olson smiled and patted Turpin's shoulder. Many men who live by hunting and being hurt develop keen sensitivity. Boxers are great shoulder-patters. They invariably look upon boxers less fortunate then themselves with a "that-could-have-been-me" look.

Olson began talking about Robinson and Turpin, unconsciously, had his ear an inch from Olson's mouth.

"I was 19 when I first fought Robinson, Bobo said. "I fought him four times for the title—the most anybody ever did. He beat me every time. For the first fight I trained in Philadelphia in the same gym that Robinson trained in. He worked out at noon and I worked out at 2. Anyway, when I'd come in there would still be a lot of Robinson guys in the gym and I'd hear them say, 'Oh, oh, that poor white boy, he's gonna get killed.'

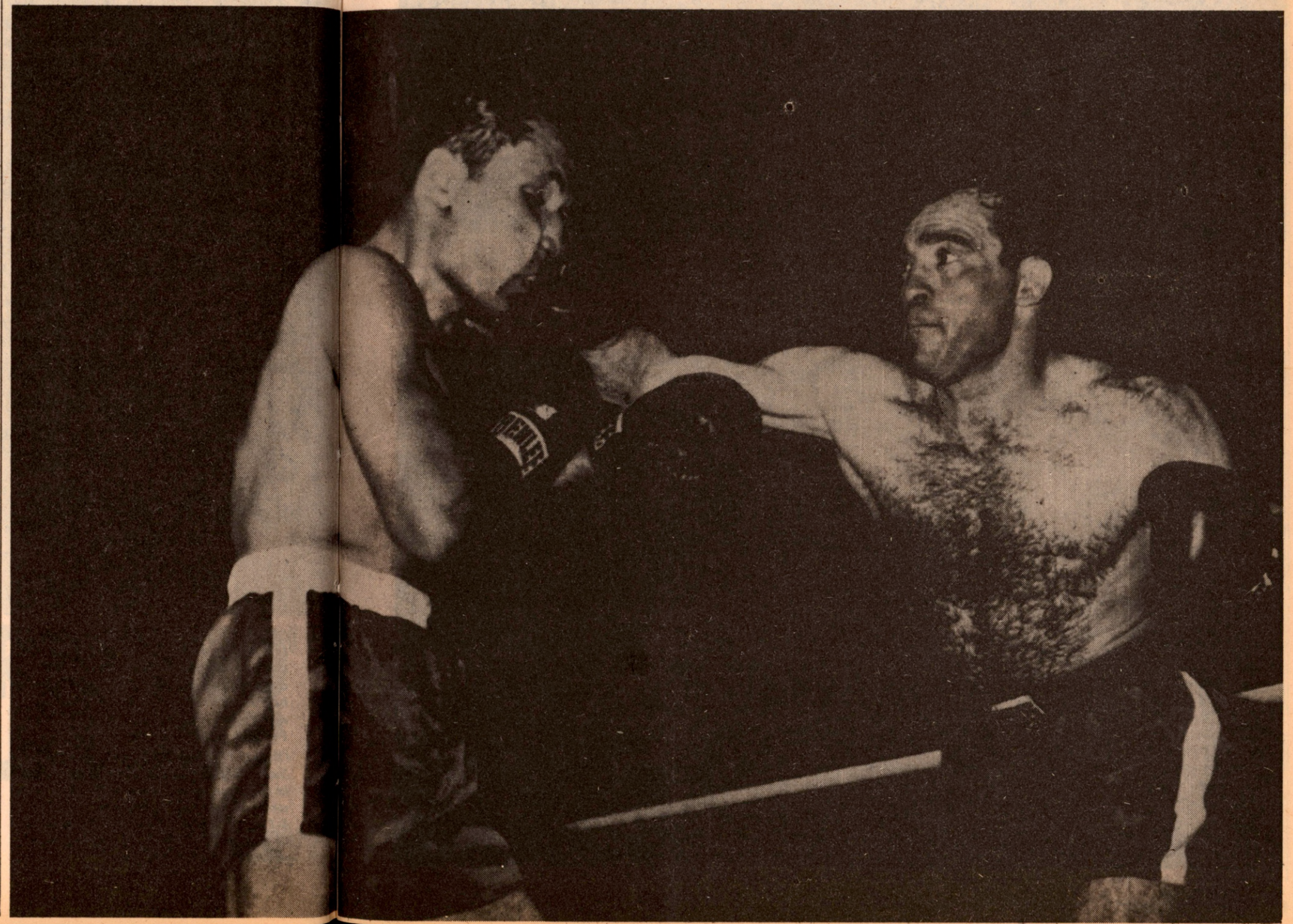
"I believed them. In those days nobody beat Robinson. I was scared training and I went into the ring scared. When the bell rang I wasn't scared any more. I got off lucky. He stopped me in the 12th."

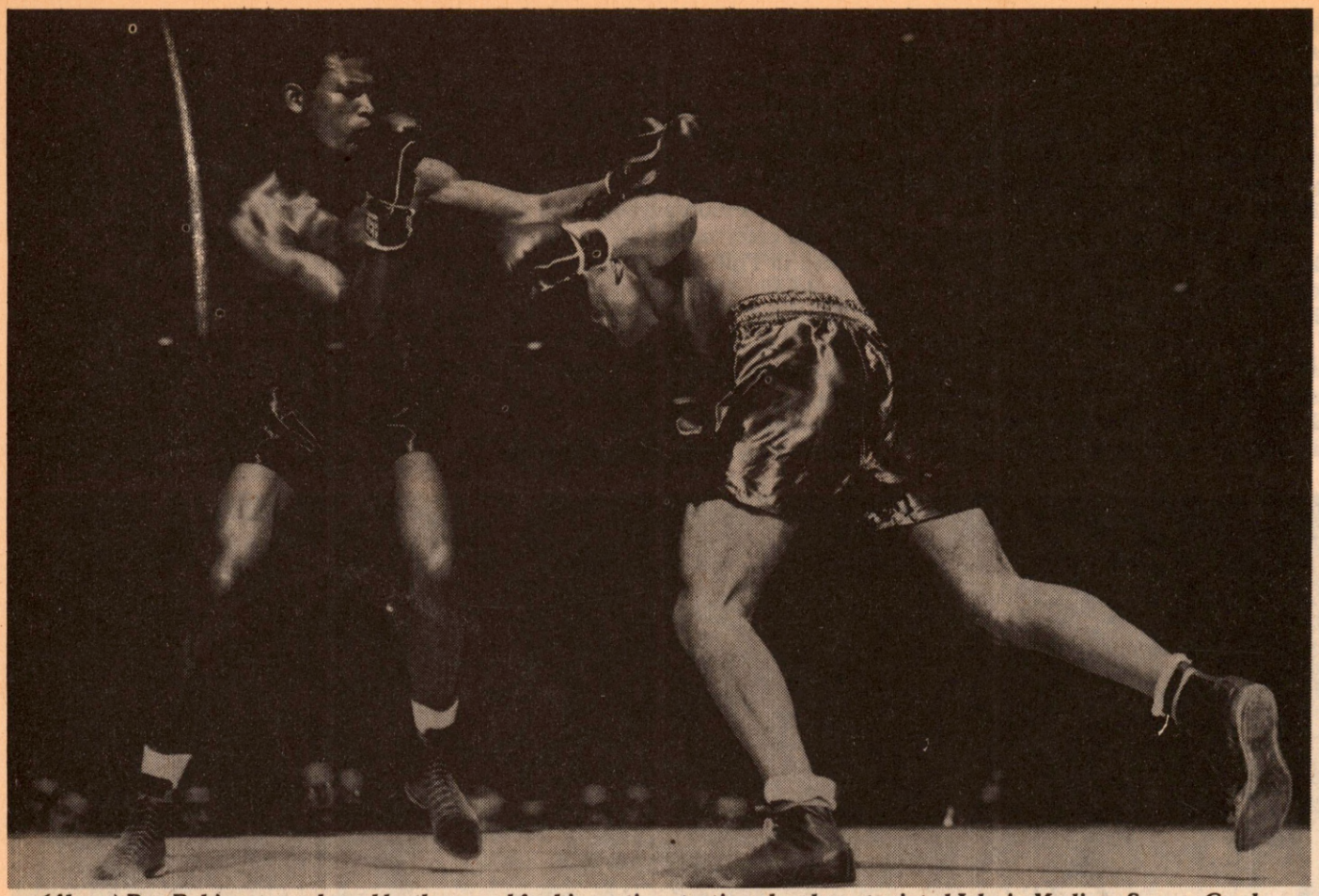
Turpin laughed.

"And the last time I fought Robinson," Bobo continued, "I got a real good payday, about $32,000. What did you get when you fought Ray here in New York, Randy?"

This time Turpin didn't laugh. His brows knitted and it was seconds before he replied. "I don't know," he said quietly, "I don't know what the purse was, but what I got was very little."

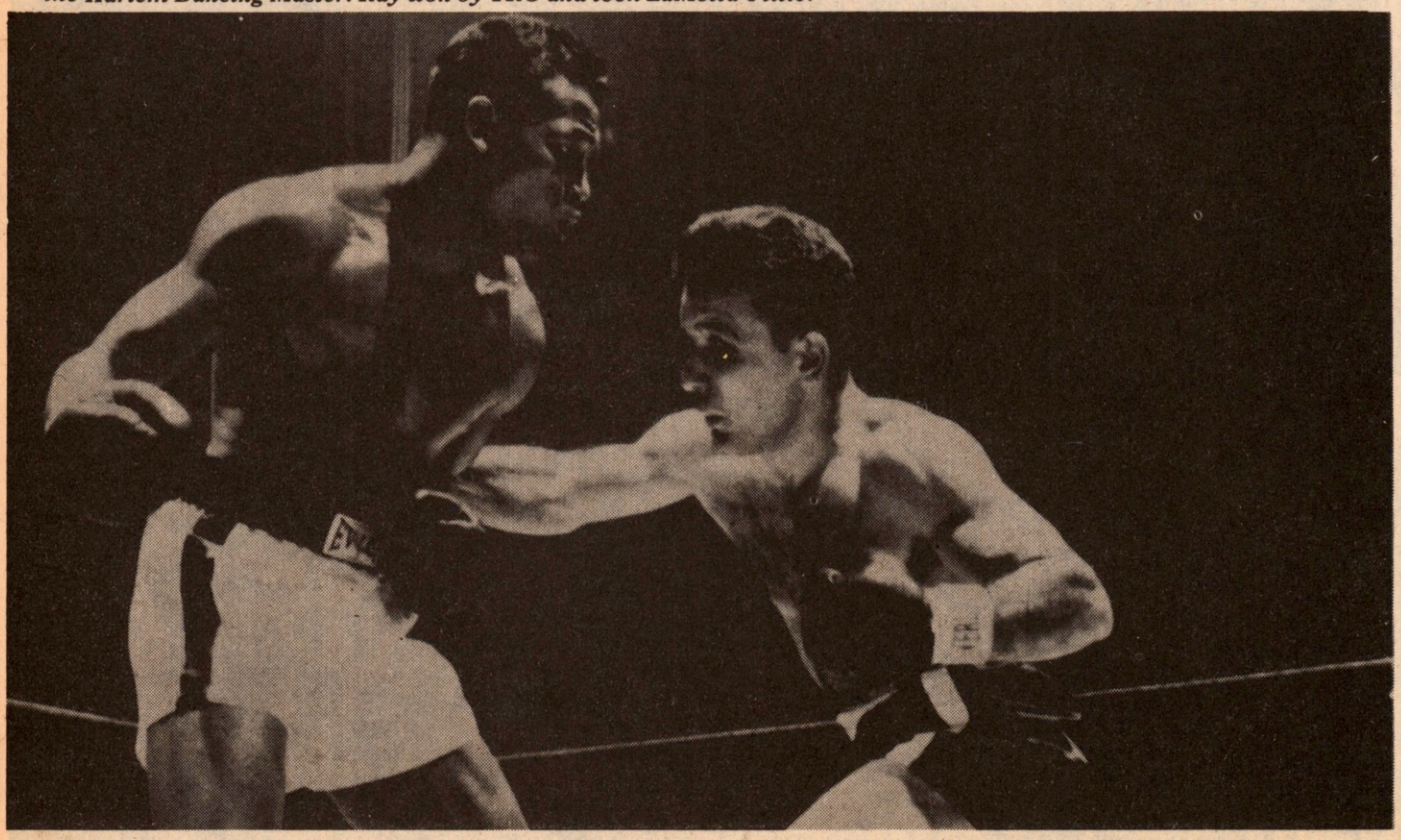
Bobo, who also had managerial problems, cursed under his breath. Then he





(Above) Ray Robinson was booed by the crowd for his cautious tactics when he outpointed Jake in Madison Square Garden on October 2, 1942. It was their first meeting; there would be six fights in all.

(Below) The last bout between LaMotta and Ray Robinson. Jake had trouble making the weight limit, and was fair game for the Harlem Dancing Master. Ray won by TKO and took LaMotta's title.



said to Turpin, "Here's a menu, let's eat."

Turpin opened the menu and stared at it. Olsen decided that he'd have roast duckling. "What are you going to have, Randy?" he asked. Randy looked apologetically and handed the menu to Olson. "Tell me Bobo," he said, "do they have any roast beef?"

They did. The menu advertised it in big letters, but Bobo didn't let on. "Hmmm," he said, squinting at the menu. "Gee, I don't see any. I'll ask the waiter." The waiter said there was plenty of roast beef and Bobo ordered for the two of them.

Thank you very much, Bobo," Turpin said. Bobo patted Turpin's shoulder.

I remember this incident well and I consulted my clips to make sure I had the scene letter-perfect. It's a good memory, a warm, loving memory, something to hold dear—especially since other memories of that week were bile-raising.

Turpin, Olsen, Basilio and Fullmer were among the five from whom Robinson had wrested away the middleweight title. The fifth was Jake LaMotta.

The Garden had intended to pay LaMotta's taxi fare from the Bronx to be a part of their "Farewell to Ray Robinson" night. It was unthinkable to many. Allow LaMotta to go into a ring he had defiled and accept plaudits from fans he had betrayed? An open newspaper column challenged the late Gen. Marvin Krulewich, then chairman of the New York Athletic Commission, to forbid the Garden from going through with LaMotta's participation in the celebration.

Harry Markson, then head of the Garden's boxing club, said, "I feel this way: We are honoring Robinson and not LaMotta. It is only that LaMotta is a part of the Robinson history. You just can't wish him away."

But major-league baseball erased the records of those who participated in the Chicago White Sox scandal of 1919. Several players had thrown games to profit gamblers and themselves. They had betrayed their fans. LaMotta's existence could well be forgotten.

Of course, LaMotta's memory is not forgotten.

In recent years he had his autobiography ghost-written. "Raging Bull," it was called. And now a movie of the same name is making its way throughout the nation's neighborhoods. It is based on Jake's book, which, in itself, was not an accurate description of LaMotta's life.

LaMotta says, "It's about the me that was, not the me that is." But LaMotta, like the rest of us, has to live with what he was.

The film shows LaMotta as a violent,

THE MOVIE VERSUS THE FACTS

"RAGING BULL" A MOVIE BASED ON AN autobiography of Jake LaMotta, which the one-time middleweight champion of the world did with Joseph Carter and Peter Savage, is a portrait of a crumbum, a creep, a highly unappetizing specimen of the human race. It is possible to count two reasons for making the picture: (1) it is a boxing film and "Rocky" showed that a boxing film could make many dollars; (2) it gives Robert De Niro a chance to play another character.

The movie makes what appears to be a conscientious effort to trace La Motta's ring career from the Bronx to the championship to his loss of the title to Sugar Ray Robinson, to obscurity. As traced, there are a good many inaccuracies.

The opening action shows La Motta, almost helpless against Jimmy Reeves, rallying to knock out Reeves just before the bell ends the 10th and last round. Saved by the bell, Reeves gets the decision. The date and place are not mentioned, except that it is in Ohio. If it were Sept. 24, 1941, in Cleveland, that match is in the record book as a 10-round decision for Reeves. So is their second bout on Oct. 20, 1941 in Cleveland. Their third, March 19, 1943 in Detroit, ended with a sixth round knockout by La Motta.

The time Jake went in the water for Blackjack Billy Fox is accurately sketched in. Blinky Palermo, known to some as St. Francis of Palermo, brought Fox in from Philadelphia with an interesting record. Starting with his first professional bout, Blackjack Billy had flattened 43 opponents in 43 matches, had been stopped in the 10th by Gus Lesnevich, then had run his knockout total to 49 before he met La Motta in Madison Square Garden Nov. 14, 1947.

Exposing himself almost as flagrantly as Lady Godiva, Jake refused to go down but threshed and floundered on the ropes, apparently helpless against Fox's blows, until the referee stopped them in the fourth round. When the Boxing Commission inquired about Jake's uncharacteristic performance, he said he had been suffering form a ruptured spleen and the Commission fined him for concealing the ailment. Later, though, during the Kefauver inquiry into boxing, Jake admitted it had been a barney.

On the night of the dive, a man who had recently moved to New York from Philadelphia stormed into Fox's dressing room and accosted Palmermo. "You little creep," he said, "coming over here and pulling a stinkeroo like that!" Blinky was pained. "You!" he said, "a philadelphia guy! Ain't you got no civic pride?"

Eventually La Motta got his title shot against Marcel Cerdan of France. Here the movie does poorly. La Motta is seen beating on the Frenchman and beating on him until Cerdan's corner surrenders after 10 rounds.

Actually, there was nothing to suggest that La Motta might win until Cerdan tore the supraspinatus muscle in his right shoulder, rendering that arm useless. With only his left, he fought on until his corner induced him to accept the inevitable and save himself for another night. Meanwhile, La Motta was having hell's own time beating one side of Cerdan.

From there on it was all downhill for Jake. So, it says here, it is for the movie.

RED SMITH

JAKE LaMOTTA

Height: 5'8" **Reach:** 68"
Weight: 155-170 pounds
Born: July 10, 1921, Bronx, New York

1941

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 3	Charley Mackley	New York	W 4
Mar. 14	Tony Gillon	Bridgeport	W 6
Apr. 1	Johnny Morris	White Plains	KO 4
Apr. 8	Joe Fredericks	White Plains	KO 1
Apr. 15	Stanley Goisz	White Plains	W 4
Apr. 22	Lorne McCarthy	White Plains	W 4
Apr. 26	Monroe Crewe	Brooklyn	W 4
May 20	Johnny Cihlar	Brooklyn	W 4
May 27	Johnny Morris	New York	W 4
June 9	Lorenzo Strickland	Woodhaven	W 4
June 16	Lorenzo Strickland	New York	W 6
June 23	Johnny Morris	New York	KO 3
July 15	Joe Baynes	Long Island City	W 6
Aug. 5	Joe Shikula	Long Island City	D 6
Aug. 11	Cliff Koerkle	New York	W 6
Sept. 24	Jimmy Reeves	Cleveland	L 10
Oct. 7	Lorenzo Strickland	White Plains	W 8
Oct. 20	Jimmy Reeves	Cleveland	L 10
Nov. 14	Jimmy Casa	New York	W 6
Dec. 22	Nate Bolden	Chicago	L 10

1942

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 27	Frankie Jamison	New York	W 8
Mar. 3	Frankie Jamison	New York	W 8
Mar. 18	Lorenzo Strickland	New York	W 10
Apr. 7	Lou Schwartz	New York	KO 9
Apr. 21	Buddy O'Dell	New York	W 10
May 12	Jose Basora	New York	D 10
June 2	Vic Dellicurti	New York	W 10
June 16	Jose Basora	New York	L 10
July 28	Lorenzo Strickland	New York	W 8
Aug. 28	Jimmy Edgar	New York	W 10
Sept. 8	Vic Dellicurti	New York	W 10
Oct. 2	Sugar Ray Robinson	New York	L 10
Oct. 20	Wild Bill McDowell	New York	KO 5
Nov. 6	Henry Chmielewski	Boston, Mass.	W 10

1943

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 2	Jimmy Edgar	Detroit	W 10
Jan. 15	Jackie Wilson	New York	W 10
Jan. 22	Charley Hayes	Detroit	KO 6
Feb. 5	Sugar Ray Robinson	Detroit	W 10
Feb. 26	Sugar Ray Robinson	Detroit	L 10
Mar. 19	Jimmy Reeves	Detroit	KO 6
Mar. 30	Ossie Harris	Pittsburgh	W 10
May 12	Tony Ferrara	Cincinnati	KO 6
June 10	Fritzie Zivic	Pittsburgh	W 10
July 12	Fritzie Zivic	Pittsburgh	L 15
Sept. 17	Jose Basora	Detroit	W 10
Oct. 11	Johnny Walker	Philadelphia	KO 2
Nov. 12	Fritzie Zivic	New York	W 10

1944

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 14	Fritzie Zivic	Detroit	W 10
Jan. 28	Ossie Harris	Detroit	W 10
Feb. 25	Ossie Harris	Detroit	W 10
Mar. 17	Coley Welch	Boston, Mass.	W 10
Mar. 31	Sgt. Lou Woods	Chicago	W 10
Apr. 21	Lloyd Marshall	Cleveland	L 10
Sept. 29	George Kochan	Detroit	W 10
Nov. 3	George Kochan	Detroit	KO 9

1945

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 23	Sugar Ray Robinson	New York	L 10
Mar. 19	Lou Schwartz	Norfolk	KO 1
Mar. 28	George Costner	Chicago	KO 6
Apr. 19	Vic Dellicurti	New York	W 10
Apr. 27	Bert Lytell	Boston, Mass.	W 10
July 6	Tommy Bell	New York	W 10
Aug. 10	Jose Basora	New York	KO 9
Sept. 17	George Kochan	New York	KO 9
Sept. 26	Sugar Ray Robinson	Chicago	L 12
Nov. 13	Coolidge Miller	Bronx, New York	KO 3
Nov. 23	Walter Woods	Boston, Mass.	KO 8
Dec. 7	Charley Parham	Chicago	KO 6

1946

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 11	Tommy Bell	New York	W 10
Mar. 29	Marcus Lockman	Boston, Mass.	W 10
May 24	Joe Reddick	Boston, Mass.	W 10
June 13	Jimmy Edgar	Detroit	D 10
Aug. 7	Holman Williams	Detroit	W 10
Sept. 12	Bob Satterfield	Chicago	KO 7
Oct. 25	O'Neill Bell	Detroit	KO 2
Dec. 6	Anton Raadik	Chicago	W 10

1947

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 14	Tommy Bell	New York	W 10
June 6	Tony Janiro	New York	W 10
Sept. 3	Cecil Hudson	Chicago	L 10
Nov. 14	Billy Fox	New York	KO by 4

1948

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 1	Ken Stribling	Washington, D.C.	KO 5
Sept. 7	Burl Charity	New York	KO 6
Oct. 1	Johnny Colan	New York	KO 10
Oct. 18	Vern Lester	Brooklyn	W 10
Dec. 3	Tommy Yarosz	New York	W 10

1949

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 21	Laurent Dauthuille	Montreal	L 10
Mar. 25	Robert Villemain	New York	W 12
Apr. 18	O'Neill Bell	Detroit	KO 4
May 18	Joey DeJohn	Syracuse	KO 8
June 16	Marcel Cerdan (Won World Middleweight Title)	Detroit	KO 10
Dec. 9	Robert Villemain	New York	L 10

1950

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 3	Dick Wagner	Detroit	KO 9
Mar. 28	Chuck Hunter	Cleveland	KO 6
May 4	Joe Taylor	Syracuse	W 10
July 12	Tiberio Mitri (Retained World Middleweight Title)	New York	W 15
Sept. 13	Laurent Dauthuille (Retained World Middleweight Title)	Detroit	KO 15

1951

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 14	Sugar Ray Robinson (Lost World Middleweight Title)	Chicago	KO by 13
June 27	Bob Murphy	New York	KO by 7

1952

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 28	Norman Hayes	Boston, Mass.	L 10
Mar. 5	Eugene Hairston	Detroit	D 10
Apr. 9	Norman Hayes	Detroit	W 10
May 21	Eugene Hairston	Detroit	W 10
June 11	Bob Murphy	Detroit	W 10
Dec. 31	Danny Nardico	Coral Gables	KO by 8

1953

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
(Inactive)			

1954

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 11	Johnny Pretzie	West Palm Beach	KO 4
Apr. 3	Al McCoy	Charlotte	KO 1
Apr. 14	Billy Kilgore	Miami Beach	L 10

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
106	83	19	4	30

despicable slime of man who abused his wives and everyone close to him. Of course, the message is clear. LaMotta was the victim of his environment. But others shared that environment and rose above it. LaMotta's tactic was to abuse the environment.

But whatever LaMotta was—or is—shouldn't concern us. What should concern us is LaMotta's plaint when he is not included in the Robinson celebration. "Imagine that," he said. "How would you feel?" He said it as if the lousy establishment was screwing poor old Jake.

Poor old Jake.

This is what should concern us:

On Nov. 14, 1947, at Madison Square Garden, LaMotta fought Billy Fox, an up-and-coming light heavyweight prospect. Two days before the fight, LaMotta was a solid 8-5 favorite. But at fight time, Fox was an 11-5 favorite. The wads of Fox money came in such large chunks that many a bookmaker grabbed a rattler for Miami Beach to escape the shrapnel. LaMotta worked the first round of that fight as if he meant it and then just covered up until the fight was stopped in the fourth round and Fox won a technical knockout.

On June 14, 1960, after the statute of limitations gave him immunity, LaMotta testified before the Kefauver Committee that he had, indeed, taken a dive in the Fox fight. He said he went through with the barney because he was promised a title fight if he went in the "tank" and he had not been able to get a title fight because he fought against being mob-controlled.

"Geez, what would you do?" Jake asked of nobody in particular.

There was talk that LaMotta had also received $100,000 as a balm for his hurt feelings. But Jake took the Fifth Amendment on that one. "My answer might tend to incriminate me." he said.

Jake got his title fight and he won it. But he'll never lose the stigma.

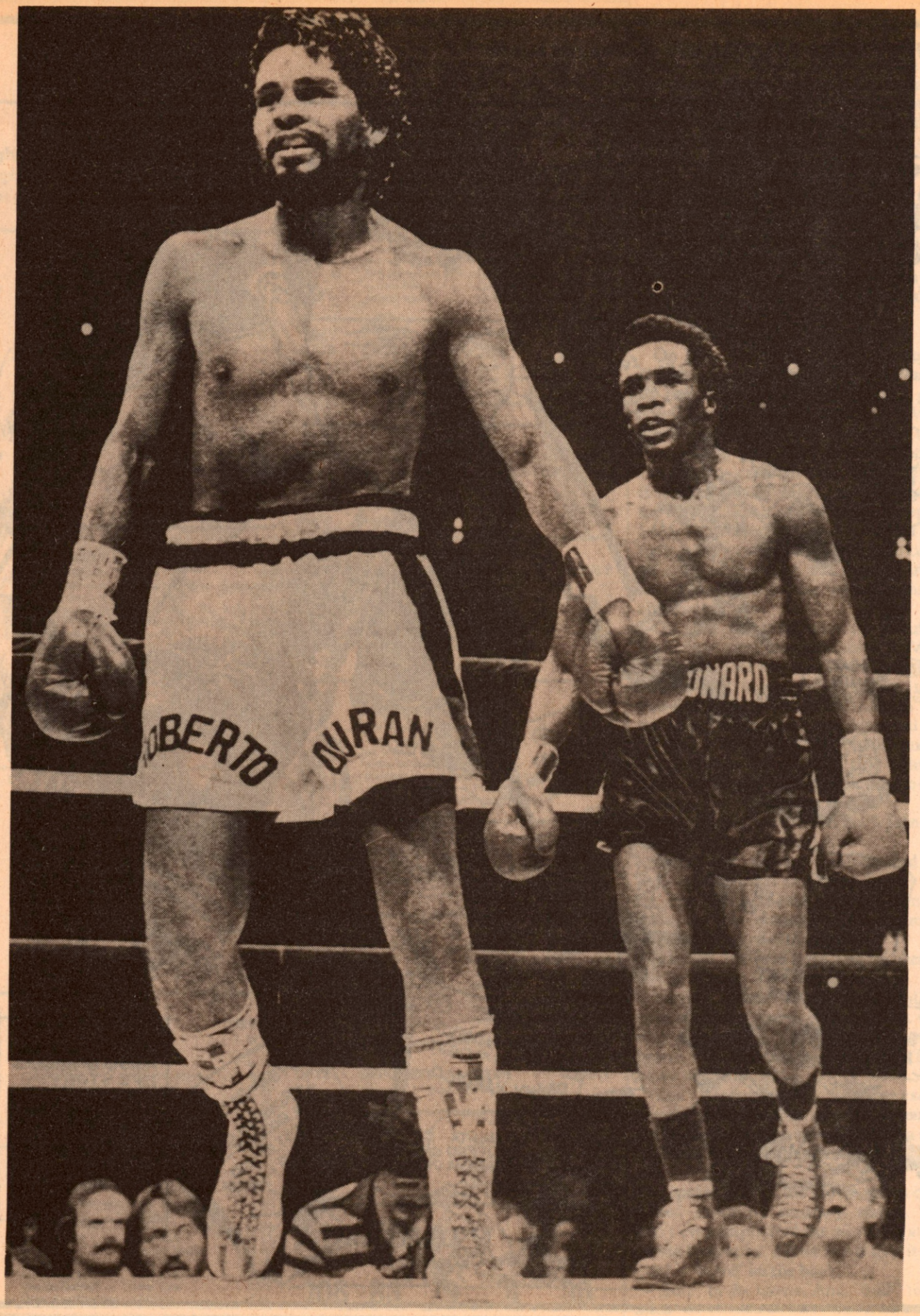
Turpin, Olson, Basillio and Fullmer gave what they had to give and took what they had to take. Even when they were beaten they were beaten honorably. They never whined.

The "Raging Bull" is, to a large extent, merely bull. The film is a story about an anti-hero. And what raging LaMotta does is, in the common denominator, a whimper.

A spokesman for the movie, when questioned about its accuracy, stated, "We don't even imply that the picture is an accurate biography. All we say is that it (the film) is 'based' on the book."

"Bull" to the movie. And "bull" to the man.

WIN, LOSE AND DRAW By CHARLIE McGILL


OBERTO DURAN
ONARD

THE LEONARD-DURAN FIGHT:

ONE OF BOXING'S MOST CONFOUNDING MOMENTS EXPLAINED

The first time I saw machismo die a little came when, as a kid seated in the front row of the old Savoy Theatre in Washington, D.C., I saw John Wayne kiss a girl instead of his horse. The second time came when Roberto Duran told the whole world to "kiss off" in the eighth round of his fight with Leonard.

Before that unmagic moment, it was thought that there were but four immutable laws which governed the universe: That the earth goes around the sun; That lawyers always get paid first; That every action has an equal and opposite reaction; And that Roberto Duran would have to be carried out on his shield, blood streaming out of his ears, before he would ever quit. Now you can scratch one of the above.

It was an unthinkable act. As unthinkable as Ted Williams throwing away his

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bat with two strikes; as unthinkable as O. J.Simpson, unable to find a hole, suddenly stopping and falling down; as unthinkable as Secretariat or Alydar quitting at the top of the stretch.

Here he was, one moment the man who in another life would have put niches in his gun rather than knockout victims on his record; the toughest hombre on the barrio block; boxing's noblest savage. And the next, a beaten man waving his hands in a cross between "Get lost" and "Something's wrong." But whose intentions were made perfectly clear by his repeated utterance of those deathless words "No mas, no mas," which translate , in any language, into "I give up!"

What had happened to turn the legendary "Manos de Piedra," the man without a heart and the sneering model of male machismo into a quitter?

To understand the "why," first you must understand the "what." Boxing is a sport where everything comes in tidy little packages, is labeled and then put away. When something is divorced from reality, as the boxing fan perceives it, then it thwarts that desire to be pigeon-holed and filed away neatly. Boxing, more than any other sport—or human activity—puts full faith in its belief that the past is father of the present. However, in cases where there is no prologue, or is illegitimate, with no history to rely on, then the moment is memorable, at best; controversial, at worst. Take the case of the Tunney-Dempsey celebrated "Long Count," or the Schmeling-Sharkey foul. Both were controversial because both pushed beyond expectable human experience and were inexplainable in any but new terms.

In a sport rife with memorable and controversial moments, few, in forthcoming years, will rival the moment when Roberto Duran called out "No mas, no mas," and held out his hands. There was no past experience for the boxing crowd to call on. And without that predicate they must resort to coming up with possible answers to the perplexing question "Why", no matter how far-fetched.

It soon became a field day for the so-called "expert." And the *Roshomon* theory put into practice—a reference to the classic 1950 Japanese movie in which four different people involved in a brutal rape and murder each give their own version of the crime. Each differing radically. So, too, does Roberto Duran's mysterious surrender become the subject now of a long laundry list of theories. They, too, differ radically.

To many of the thousands of fans seated in the spacious Superdome—some, in the upper tiers, as far away as Hattisburg, Mississippi—and a large proportion of the millions watching on closed-circuit TV, the first thing which came to mind was the most popular three-letter word after "sex," the word "Fix." But it was an unthinking, knee-jerk reaction, one neither thought out nor worthy of those who rendered it; a simplistic response to their hurt at not seeing their hero win or, more deeply, the cynicism that pervades today's society and thinks that all activities are preplanned to take advantage of them.

However, while this writer will not deny that there have been such things as "fixes" in the history of The Sweet Science, this was not one of them. For what purpose? Money couldn't have swayed Roberto Duran, inasmuch as he was set for life even before the first Leonard match. And, if, for argument's sake, "the fix" was in, how could one have been executed more clumsily or more inelegantly than merely waving one's gloves at 2:44 of the 8th round and crying out "No mas, no mas"? No, it wasn't a "fix". But boxing is a sport that suffers fools—and their reasoning—gladly.

Nor does the real answer to the question "Why" lie in the spoon-fed rationalizations that were handed out after the fight, all revolving around something called "stomach cramps." Hell, this was the same Duran who had fought the first Leonard fight with a bad liver and the flu. How could mere stomach cramps disable this man called "El Animal" by his followers? Especially when, supposedly rendered nolo contendre by those same cramps in the ring only an hour and a half before, Duran hosted a big post-fight "Victory" party, eating and drinking like any other man who comports himself like Roberto Duran should—in an animalistic fashion.

Most of the other theories are as airtight as domestic swiss cheese. Take for instance the supposed excuse that Duran had ballooned up before his rematch with Leonard and had to take off mucho weight in a short period of time. Granted that Duran *had* added over 33 pounds living the easy life he had merited by winning the title in a hard-fought fight five months previously and *had* to find shortcuts to rid himself of all vestiges of easy living. Those searching for answers came up with several, all revolving around those supposed shortcuts to reducing his weight: Romantics cited "hard training," others diuretics," and some even had the indelicacy to mention cocaine as an appetite suppressant. None of these explanations had ever been brought up before, although Duran has continually had to fight weight as well as opponents during much of his professional career. Why now? As a rationalization for the inexplainable behavior of Duran at 2:44 of the 8th round, that's why. But none bears up under the light of reflection; none qualify as answers for Duran's unfathomable act of quitting.

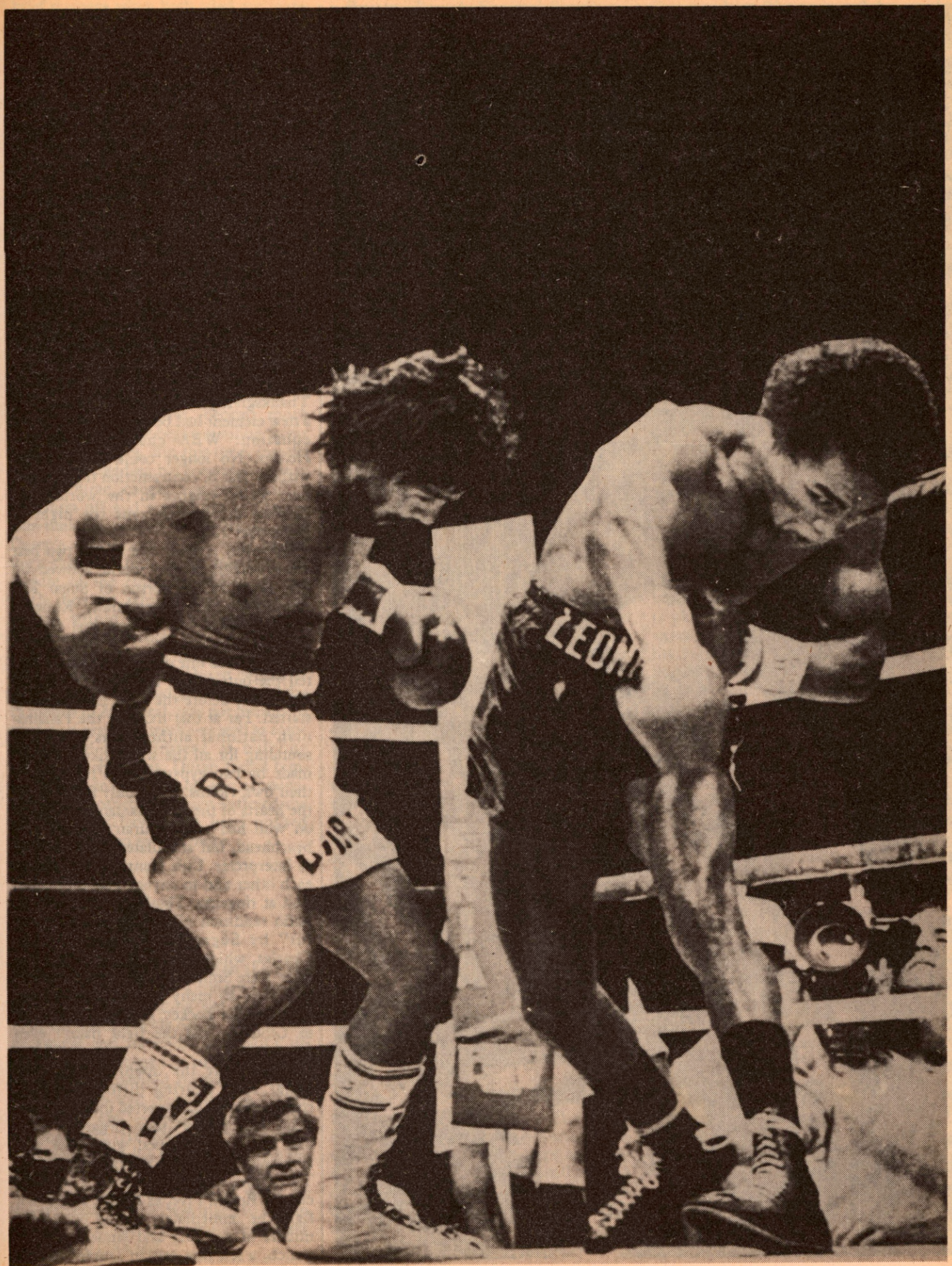
If these reasons don't wash, then the answer must be found elsewhere. For, as Agatha Christie's master sleuth Hercule Poirot was wont to say, "When a thing arranges itself so, one realizes that it must be so, (and) one only looks for reasons why it should not be so. If one does not find the reasons why it should not be so, then one is strengthened in one's opinion."

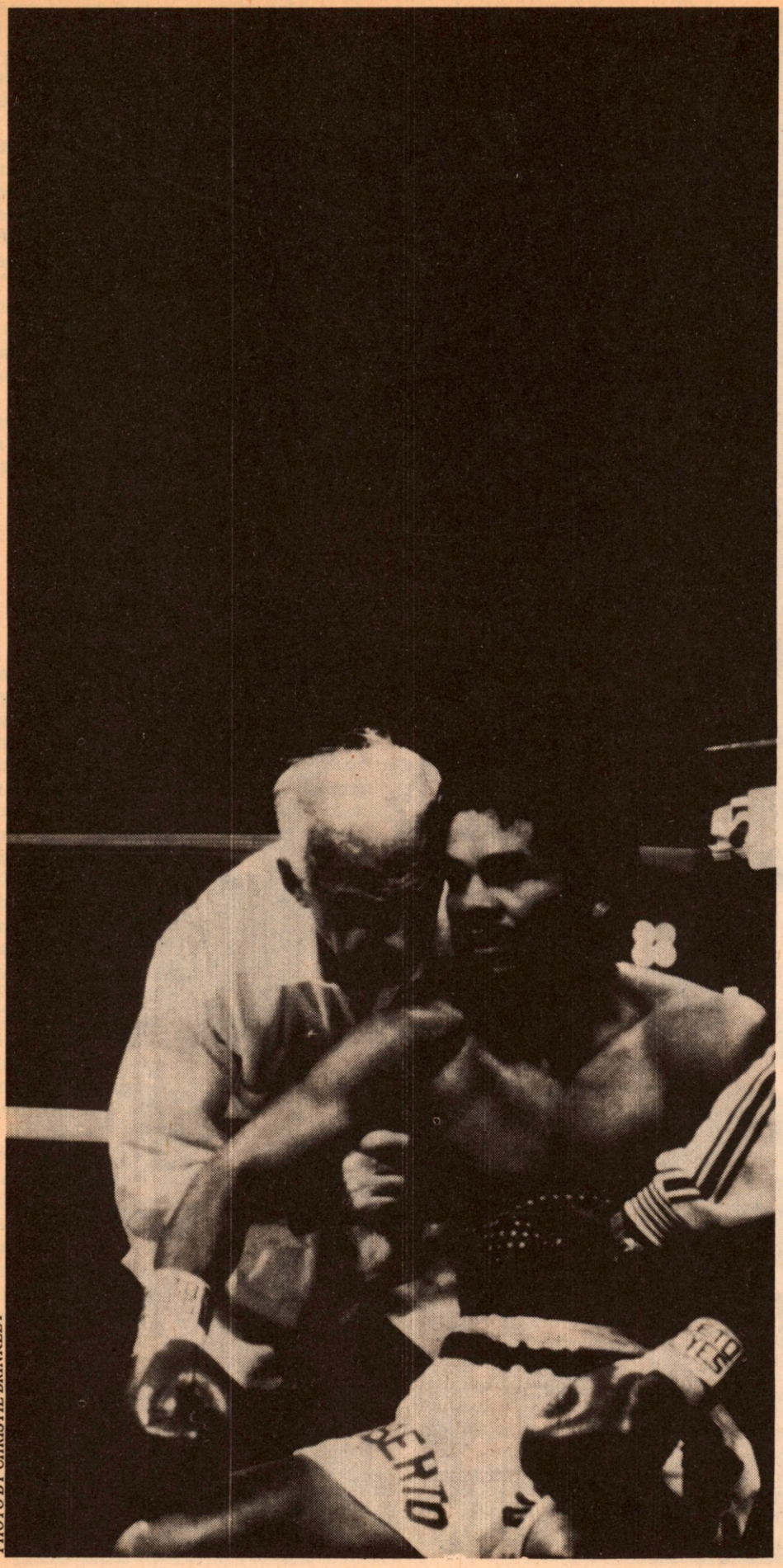
Having looked at—and dismissed, for good reason—all other possible answers, one is left to look at the only place left: Roberto Duran's mind, one which apparently has more connecting locks than the Panama Canal.

All of which serves as a table-setting—albeit a long one—for the fight itself, billed as "Stone versus Sugar," it was the much awaited rematch of the Montreal bout which already had been heralded as the 12th greatest fight of all time in a recent *Ring* Magazine poll.

Starting from the moment the bout was announced, Duran began to spew out his contempt for Leonard. "This time I will keel him," he was to say time and time again, attempting to belittle the man he had beaten in Montreal. And, to punctuate his remark, as well as his dislike for the man he called "a clown", he would at times extend his middle finger in the half-a-peace sign salute. Other times, just to vary the act, his wife would extend the same pleasantries to Leonard's wife, Juanita. It was a family act, with all the subtlety of a community bedpan.

Leonard, on the other hand, ignored his trainer—soon to become his ex-trainer—Dave Jacob's advice that such a rematch was "too soon", and that, instead of taking on Duran, he should take two warmup fights. Eschewing the warmup





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fights, and Jacobs as well, Leonard went into serious training to reverse the only defeat in his professional career and recapture the crown he had come to look at as his own private property.

This time Leonard was determined, burning with the same intensity that had once burned deeply within the soul of Duran. He was also determined not to fight Duran's fight, not to let Duran dictate the pattern of the fight nor control the action. In short, Sugar Ray Leonard was prepared. Which is more than Roberto Duran could say.

As the countdown continued and the crowds began to congregate in New Orleans—well-wishers and hangers-on alike, including some 81 Panamanians who followed Duran everywhere—something seemed to be missing. The live promoters blamed it on everything from Thanksgiving to the football season. But a new element had been introduced to the equation: WBA champion Thomas Hearns. No longer could it be argued without fear of contradiction that the two best welterweights in the world were fighting in New Orleans the night of November 22nd.

However, at least one of the two best welterweights in the world showed up that night in the person of Sugar Ray Leonard. The other man, Roberto Duran, looked like he was just playing through.

If there was one omen that was to foretell the outcome of the fight, it came at 9:01 CST, before the fight itself actually started. For at that moment the Panamanian national anthem was rendered, sounding for all the world like the noise made by two gypsy wagons rolling over their own violins. It not only failed to stir the hearts of the 12 Panamanian hangers-on who had taken Duran's corner as a beachhead, but stimulated them, as well as interpreter Luis Henriquez to talk to each other and to anyone else they could find at ringside. That was followed by a boffo rendition of "America the Beautiful" by Sugar Ray's namesake, Ray Charles, which was to do for Sugar Ray what Kate Smith's "God Bless America" had done so many times before for the Philadelphia hockey Flyers. Round One to Leonard—and the fight hadn't even started.

Then came the opening bell. And Sugar Ray, wearing different colored trunks than he had sported in Montreal—black and yellow—soon began to show that he came equipped with other new trappings, including a new battle plan. This time, instead of leaving a wake-up call for Round Five, as he had in the first fight, he immediately moved out to the middle of the ring and landed the first punch, a left that caught Duran. After a

brief moment when both tried out tentative left jabs, Duran put on one of his patented bullrushes, but Leonard, instead of standing in harm's way and taking stick, moved quickly backwards, out of reach.

It was like that for most of the first two rounds. Leonard would move in, throw effective combinations, then move out of the way as Duran came barreling in. Occasionally, Leonard would catch Duran to the midsection, coming under with uppercuts. But his battle plan seemed to be one of getting off first and his weaponry seemed to be a telling left jab, one that seldom missed. Duran would frequently respond by throwing his right—catching air most times and Leonard's left almost as often—and an occasional sneer.

As Round Three began, Duran, who had missed more punches in the first two opuses than he had in his previous 15 rounds against Leonard, became much more aggressive. He began mauling Sugar Ray into the ropes. But this time, instead of Leonard standing his ground, he either tied up Duran, caught him coming in or spun him off and moved out of danger. The time the pattern was different. And Duran's eyes began to tell more of the story than his fists as he stood in the middle of the ring, befuddled by the moth moving around the flame that burned within him, but never getting close enough to become scorched.

It was becoming woefully obvious to all but the most foolhearty Duran supporter that Leonard, who had gone to school for 15 rounds in Montreal, was not putting in some post-graduate work—as well as some well-placed lefts. Instead of bullying Leonard to the ropes, Duran found himself shoved to the floor on one occasion, spun off on others and even suffered the ignominity of having his head pushed down, a la Ali, on several more.

And then there was Leonard's movement of foot, something not seen since Fred last danced with Adele. By moving backwards and forwards, alternating direction and spinning Duran off continually—a strategy devised by trainer Angelo Dundee, who told Sugar Ray to "move 'em, spin 'em"—Leonard had Duran mesmerized. He followed Leonard's movements with his eyes, much like a beginning student would follow a foot outline at Arthur Murray's. And while he was watching, Duran was made to pay an entertainment tax, taking more than a few hard lefts to the nariz.

Between Rounds Five and Six, Duran complained to Henriquez that something was wrong. Henriquez relayed the message to Duran's manager, Carlos Eleta, seated at ringside. But before Eleta's message, "Can he go on?" was relayed back, the bell had rung. Duran had a good round, negating most of the concern for his welfare.

Then came Round Seven. One of the most memorable in the long history of boxing. It started out with Duran landing the first punch of the round, for the first time in the fight. But that was to be the extent of his attack. For now Leonard, sensing that he "was in control," as he later was to say, began taunting Duran, first sticking out his chin and then his tongue. Duran looks at him with disbelieving eyes, unsure of how to handle this new threat. For the man who had been through 73 previous fights had met every threat head-on: punchers, runners, counterers. But never taunters. And, if that wasn't traumatic enough for "Stone", he had yet to suffer one of boxing's most crushing and devastating psychological blows, a trick combination not unsimilar to a little kid's throwing one snowball in the air and catching the other fellow looking at it with a second one, right in the face. Leonard wound up with a mocking copy of Kid Gavilan's bolo punch. While Duran stood transfixed, Leonard popped him a good one with his left. It was humiliating. It was worse. The man who had fought 441 previous rounds was made to look like a novice; like the fool. And many at ringside laughed. It was enough to make a grown man cry. Or quit.

That was the moment when a seed began to take root. And grow. And having taken charge inspired Duran's act of submission 16 seconds before the end of the eighth round.

For that was the moment Roberto Duran cried out, more in anguish and frustration than in resignation, "No mas, no mas."

It was as if he had heard a mention of E.F. Hutton. Everything stopped. And with one contemptuous gesture, more of the I'm-going-to-take-my-ball-and-go-home variety than I quit, Roberto Duran destroyed a a part of his image and gave flight to the rumors that he had taken a dive. He hadn't. He had merely proved that the body travels more easily than the mind.

It was a shame. A shame for Roberto Duran, whose 73 previous fights would be subjugated in memory to that one second when he cried out "No mas, no mas." A shame that a magnificent performance by Sugar Ray Leonard had to be tarnished and that his victory would be less than complete.

And a shame for the millions-upon-millions of people who idolized Roberto Duran, many of whom couldn't fill their bellies with food but had looked upon him as someone who could fill their souls with hope, the hope of machismo. "*No mas.*"

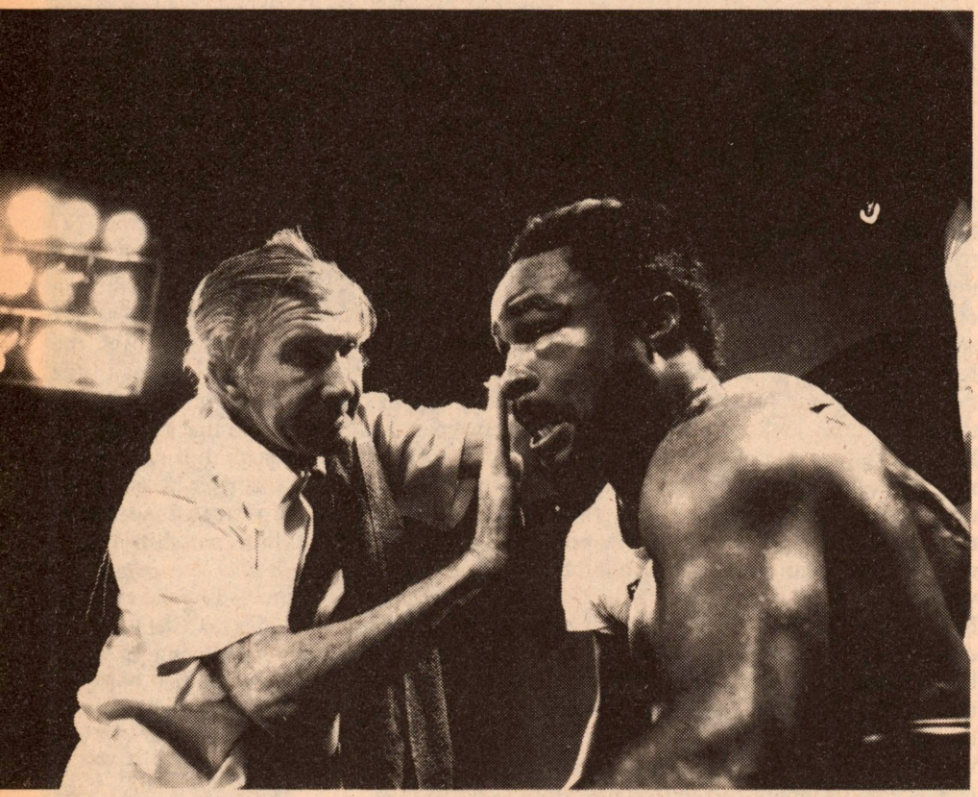
But even though Roberto was to say "I fight no more" immediately after the fight, the realization and the magnitude of what he had done to himself, to his image and to boxing with that one gesture had not yet set in. It soon did. And rather than go home to Panama, where he had been a demi-god, he retreated instead to Miami, where he hid in seclusion for eight days.

There his conscience—as well as the advice of his manager, Carlos Eleta—began to play on him. He would come back, he announced, and as a form of penitence for his irrational act of telling everyone from Sugar Ray Leonard on down to "kiss off," he would donate his next purse to charity.

But if Roberto had told the world to "kiss off," the world was not quite ready to tell Roberto the same thing. And soon those who remembered Duran's daring exploits through 73 fights plus seven rounds began beseeching Roberto to come back, to wipe the only stain off his now somewhat tarnished escutcheon.

The president of Panama sent Duran a telegram, which read, "You made Panama. You're our idol. Come home." Many others were to echo the words of El Presidente.

For Roberto Duran was a hero to millions, a living legend. And he must come back one "mas" time so that the permanent picture we keep of him in our mind's eye is not the shameful picture of a man who waved his glove desultorily in the direction of his soon-to-be conqueror, Sugar Ray Leonard—and by extension, in the direction of everyone who had ever lived vicariously through Duran's seething machismo—but of the warrior he once was. The warrior who once gave flight and fancy to man's machismo everywhere. The man Roberto Duran was in previous movies. For this he must come back. To be Roberto Duran again.



EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD, A.K.A. EDDIE GREGORY:

THE MAN ONCE KNOWN AS THE FLAME BURNS WITH A DESIRE & A NEW NAME

EDDIE MUSTAFA MUHAMMAD (EDDIE GREGORY)

Height: 6'½"
Weight: 175 pounds
Born: April 30, 1952, Brooklyn, N.Y.

1972

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 15	Dave Wyatt	New York	KO 4
Sept. 16	Jose Pagon	Boston	KO 1
Sept. 29	Pete Pagon	New York	KO 3

1973

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 1	Percy Halsey	North Bergen, N.J.	KO 1
May 17	Billy Wilson	North Bergen, N.J.	W 6
July 9	Jose Anglada	New York	W 8
Sept. 24	Elwood Townsend	Philadelphia	KO 1
Dec. 3	Radames Cabrera	New York	L 10

1974

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 8	Willie Classen	New York	W 8
May 10	Nessim Cohen	Marseilles, France	D 10
Aug. 26	Eugene Hart	New York	KO 4
Nov. 25	Mario Rosa	New York	KO 8

1975

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 14	Steve Smith	Philadelphia	KO 4
Apr. 28	Don Cobbs	Philadelphia	KO 6
June 16	Lenny Harden	Philadelphia	KO 10
Aug. 18	Bennie Briscoe	Philadelphia	L 10

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 8	Hildo Silva	New York	KO 7
Apr. 29	D.C. Walker	Kingston, N.Y.	KO 6
June 28	Otis Gordon	New York	KO 4
July 14	Lee Barber	Philadelphia	KO 4
Oct. 1	Jimmy Owens	New York	KO 10
Oct. 29	Frank Davila	New York	KO 2

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 18	Johnny Wilburn	New York	KO 3
Mar. 11	Matthew Franklin	Philadelphia	W 10
Sept. 16	Eddie Phillips	Wilmington, Del.	KO 4
Nov. 20	Victor Galindez (For WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Turin, Italy	L 15

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 15	Jesse Burnett	Las Vegas, Nev.	KO 10
Mar. 22	Ba Sounkalo	Mali	W 10
Apr. 14	Nat Gates	Orlando, Fla.	KO 7
June 2	Ray Elson	Jersey City, N.J.	KO 2
June 14	Ed Turner	White Plains, N.Y.	KO 4
Aug. 16	Chuck Warfield	Newark, N.J.	KO 1
Sept. 6	James Dixon	White Plains, N.Y.	KO 1
Oct. 12	James Scott	Rahway, N.J.	L 12

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 26	Dave Conteh	New York	KO 8
Feb. 26	Pat Cuillo	New York	W 10
July 10	Lee Royster	Atlantic City	KO 5
July 16	Fred Brown	New York	KO 3
Aug. 31	Johnny Wilburn	New York	KO 1
Nov. 28	Kid Samson	Hauppauge, N.Y.	KO 4

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 31	Marvin Johnson (Won WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Knoxville, Tenn.	KO 11
July 20	Jerry Martin (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	McAfee, N.J.	KO 10
Nov. 29	Rudi Koopmans (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Los Angeles	KO 3

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
43	38	4	1	32

IN AN EXCLUSIVE DINNER theatre called Colony Hill, in a Suffolk, Long Island town called Hauppauge, some 60 miles east of New York City, the most talented, gifted light heavyweight in the world—Eddie Gregory—had just finished devouring Philadelphia's Kid Samson (a.k.a. Ronald Sessions) inside four courses. It was a meal Gregory was paid $400 to wolf down. The date: November 28, 1979.

After finishing off Samson, Gregory stood in his chilly dressing room, wiping the sweat from his brow, responding to questions from reporters. Suddenly, the door to Gregory's dressing room swung open. An aide of Gregory's bolted in and quickly pushed his way through the crowd of reporters, well-wishers, friends and hangers-on as he made his way towards the top light heavyweight contender.

Gregory looked at the aide moving hurriedly his way. A chill came over him. It wasn't due to the lack of heat in the room. He felt bad news coming his way.

"Willie's gone," said the aide in a whisper, his voice cracking. "He died just minutes ago."

Willie Classen—a loser to Gregory five years earlier—knocked into a coma five nights earlier by Wilford Scypion, had just succumbed. A momentary funereal silence fell over the room. It was followed by an explosion of noise from reporters who knew there was a story to be written.

"Quiet!" shouted Gregory, perspiration now beginning to mix with the tears he did not try to hide.

"Quiet! Willie Classen just died, and I think we should pray for his soul." He fell to his knees next to the rubbing table and lowered his head. He prayed for perhaps 30 seconds. Then he buried his head in his hands and cried.

October 2, 1980—The WBA light heavyweight champion had new friends. He had a new outlook on life. He had a new inner force to drive and inspire him. He was a new man. He even had a new name—Mustafa Muhammad. "Chosen and Beloved."

He had told a reporter he would meet him at "exactly 12 noon at poolside of Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada." Mustafa was in Las Vegas with his close friend, Muhammad Ali, who would be facing heavyweight king Larry Holmes that very night in a parking lot behind the famed hotel. Mustafa did not show up at 12 as he had promised. He was one minute early.

"I've come a long way," Muhammad said, "since those days back in Brownsville." The champion was referring to the black community in Brooklyn where he was born on April 30, 1952, the son of a New York City police officer. The community is spelled Brownsville. It is pronounced "Hell."

"My parents did a lot to keep me in line," said the 6'½" power-puncher, "but in Brownsville, few kids ever go a day without getting into some kind of mischief. Over there, only the strong survive. The streets either inspire you or kill you. I was inspired."

He was inspired by other motivated, hungry young neighborhood blacks; Men such as former Green Bay Packer running back John Brockington and New York Yankee second baseman Willie Randolph. He found boxing. He fell in love with the sport, the first real thing he had ever loved—besides his family—in his life. On two occasions he won New York Golden Gloves titles. When he wasn't fighting, he could be found in any arena where boxing matches were being held. From Upper Darby to Harlem. From Commack to Westchester. From Atlantic City to Great Gorge. He remains the same fanatical boxing fan today. It is unlikely any champion — past or present — ever knew as much about the history of the game or the current status of the game as the man now known as Eddie Mustafa Muhammad.

It was a small club show in Madison Square Garden's Felt Forum featuring junior welterweight Domingo Ayala against Adriano Marrero. There could have been no finer place to interview the man who became champion by methodically breaking apart Marvin Johnson on March 31, 1980, finally halting him in the 11th round.

Sitting amongst the fans he feels so close to, Mustafa Muhammad talked with *The Ring*'s Associate Editor Randy Gordon, occasionally stopping to slip a punch for Ayala, or land a punch for Marrero, or to give his opinion on what each man should do next.

A fan came over and asked for his autograph. Muhammad smilingly obliged. The fan then asked him, "If Allah is always supposedly in a Muslim's corner, whose corner will he be in when you fight Saad Muhammad?"

Muhammad looked at the fan and said, "That's up to Allah. I might win; I might lose. I don't know how Allah has it written. But whatever happens that night, I'll know in my heart that it happened because it was the will of Almighty Allah."

R: ON FEBRUARY 21, YOU'LL fight Saad Muhammad in a fight that not only will unify the light heavyweight championship but is one boxing fans and sportswriters alike are calling a "Dream Fight." What do you think will happen?

EMM: I read somewhere that Saad said he's going to knock me out within five rounds. That's ridiculous, and wishful thinking on his part. He won't even hit me in five rounds. I can stand right in front of a person and make him miss. I'll give him waist movement and head movement like he's never seen. I'm not going to have any problem with him. In fact, I believe I'll stop him. In our first fight (March 11, 1977), I wasn't even in shape. I didn't take my career seriously.

R: What made you take your career seriously?

EMM: The James Scott fight in October, 1978. Scott whipped my butt that night, and I didn't like the feeling of that at all. After the fight, he said something I'll never forget. He said, "A winner never quits and a quitter never wins." I heard that expression before, but it never meant anything to me. Not until that night. He beat me fair and square that night. When he said that expression later, it inspired me.

R: The Scott fight was supposed to have been a tuneup for a title fight. What happened that night?

EMM: I didn't take Scott seriously, but he took me seriously. He went out and did a number on me. He's a good guy, a real honest-to-goodness fighter. I should have taken him seriously, but I didn't. How could I take him seriously when I didn't even take my career seriously? I had him hurt in the seventh round, but let him off the hook.

R: James Scott calls *The Ring* offices at least once a month. He usually ends with "I want Gregory! Somebody get me Gregory!" Would you like to fight him again?

EMM: I sure would. James Scott says he wants to fight me again, but he really doesn't. He beat me due to my lack of condition. But now, the guy has no chance in the world. None! Jerry Martin had no chance against me. Rudi Koopmans had no chance. Saad Muhammad has no chance.

R: Do you think anybody stands a chance against you?

EMM: Nobody! I don't even give a puncher a chance against me, and it's said punchers at least have what is known as a "puncher's chance." Punchers can't hit me with solid shots. They might hit me with one, but that's it. No man can hit me with combinations. Look at the films. I can box with the best boxers and outpunch the heaviest punchers. No light heavyweight can beat me. So many of these guys think the way to beat Mustafa Muhammad is to jump on his face at the opening bell. As soon as I hit them, they back up. Jerry Martin, he came right after me. But as soon as I hit him, he began backing up. Marvin Johnson. I broke up his body. Rudi Koopmans, forget! He could beat other light heavyweights, but against me he was out of his league. Saad Muhammad—he'll come after me until I hit him, until I teach him some respect. He needs respect. He still calls me Eddie Gregory. How can he do that? I call him by his Muslim name. I respect him. He should respect me. I'll teach him respect.

R: Let's talk about your first fight against Saad. You came out in the first round with a cocky smile on your face. It was quickly erased when Saad—then Matt

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PULLING NO PUNCHES

Franklin—dropped you. You went on to take a close 10-round split-decision.

EMM: Yeah, that was an interesting fight. But this time I have to show my supremacy. I have to leave no doubt as to who is the best light heavyweight in the world. I'll tell you something about that fight, something I haven't told anybody before. I trained two days for that bout, just like I did for James Scott. I also had sex the day of the fight, only hours before. That's how much respect I had for Saad. And my career. My morals were all wrong.

R: But weren't you a Muslim in 1977?

EMM: Yes, I was. But I didn't practice my religion. I was a hypocrite. But now I'm 100 per cent into my religion, and you see the results.

R: But you became friends with Saad after your fight with him. If this is true, do you think your friendship will stand in the way of making this as great a fight as it really should be?

EMM: Not at all. I like Saad. I like him a lot. But in that ring, he's my enemy. Everybody in that ring is my enemy. I'm gonna go out there to knock him out, just like he's gonna try to do to me. No, our friendship won't stop me from putting a beating on his head. There's not going to be any problem about me defeating him. I'm not even worried about it.

R: On your early career: You almost made the 1972 United States Olympic team as a welterweight. What happened?

EMM: Politics is what happened. I fought Jesse Valdez in the finals of the Olympic Trials. I beat him fair and square, knocked him down in the first round and thoroughly outboxed him. I beat him. Only I didn't get the decision. Everybody who was there thought I had won. Even Muhammad Ali who was at ringside doing the commentary thought I was the winner. Valdez went on to win a bronze medal. I know I would have come home with the gold. I didn't lose heart because I knew I had really won and knew just how good I am. But I decided the amateurs had seen enough of me. It was time to turn pro.

R: You did just that in September 1972. In the span of 14 days you fought three times, knocking out each man. The first loss of your career came in December, 1973, against tough Radames Cabrera. Then came five consecutive knockouts and a 10-round bout against Bennie Briscoe. You lost a split-decision in a helluva fight.

EMM: That's another fight I feel I won. The fourth round of that fight was toe-to-toe and so exciting that I wish I could have been in the audience watching. I tried to unload on Briscoe that round. I wanted the home run: I wanted to take him for a long ride. But it was a split-decision, in Philadelphia, and I'll always feel I won the fight.

R: You returned to the ring seven months later a bigger man. You were no longer a middleweight. You were a light heavyweight.

EMM: I may have been bigger physically, but not mentally.

R: Nine victories later, one of them over the then-Matthew Franklin, and you found yourself fighting Victor Galindez for the world title. You almost became a champion then.

EMM: It was Allah's way of punishing me for not being a devoted, honest, dedicated Muslim.

R: In that bout, Galindez hit you low in the 13th round. The referee warned him. He did it again. You became enraged and flagrantly hit him a bullseye below the belt. You had points taken away, points that cost you the fight.

EMM: I resorted back to the ghetto in that instance—an eye for an eye kind of thing. But you know what? I think even if they hadn't deducted a point from me Galindez would have retained the title. Politics again.

R: You didn't lose again until James Scott beat you. That remains as your last loss.

EMM: And if I fight 100 more times, it will remain as my last loss. I'm happy Scott kicked my butt. It made me the man I am

today. It made me the fighter I am today. I just went back to the drawing board and put all the pieces together. Now I'm ready to show the world just what Eddie Mustafa Muhammad will be doing, what he's all about.

R: After the Scott fight, you made a change in management. You dumped Joe Scorcia, whom you had been with for a few years. Scorcia says you dumped him illegally. He says you broke a valid contract with him. What's the real story?

EMM: Joe can say what he wants. As of September 9, 1980, Joe's contract expired. Joe Scorcia could only take me so far. He did what he could and I appreciate that. But when you finish learning in one level of school, it's time for the next grade. With Scorcia, it was just a matter of my being ready for the next grade.

R: You did something last March 31 that surprised a lot of people. Bob Arum gave you a shot at Marvin Johnson's title. He told you that you could take the title shot for a flat $25,000, or sign for some options with him and earn a lot more money. Many fighters would have jumped at the opportunity to sign for options and make a lot of money. You didn't. You took the fight without the options and for what amounted to pennies as far as title purses go.

EMM: Well, when you have a strong belief in Allah like I do, you know you'll be rewarded, just like I'm being rewarded today. I told Bob Arum, "You can keep that $25,000. Just have Marvin Johnson in that ring come March 31."

R: MAPS promoted your fight against Rudi Koopmans, and they'll have a hand in your upcoming fight against Saad Muhammad. Are you content working with them?

EMM: Content? I'm thrilled. They can promote all of my fights from now on, as far as I'm concerned. As far as Arum and Don King are concerned, it's "Hello, Goodbye, Have a Nice Day."

R: How do you see yourself as a fighter? As a champion?

EMM: I'm the champion and fight only the best, even if it's according to the WBA ratings. Look at the guys I fought in 1980. Marvin Johnson. Jerry Martin. Rudi Koopmans. Koopmans ain't as bad as he looked against me. The thing is, he was fighting me. I'm too good, too hard a puncher, too fast, too skilled a boxer for these guys. I'm in a league of my own I don't mean to sound brash, but it's true. I'm fighting the best and knocking out the best. I'll knock out Saad Muhammad, too.

R: You know how game Saad is; that he's come back from the verge of being knocked out many times. You're also aware that you've let many men off the hook after hurting them—James Scott and Marvin Johnson are just two of many. It's said that you have no killer instinct. How do you respond to that?

EMM: The truth is, I'm afraid of killing somebody. I scare myself at how much power I have in both hands. There were times against Marvin Johnson that I didn't hit him because his hands were at his sides. He was hurt real bad, but he has all the heart in the world. I just couldn't hit him when he was in that state. If I kill a man, I'm the one who has to live with the memory. I'm going to knock Saad out, but I won't hit him or any other man who is completely defenseless. Let the referee stop the fight at that point.

R: There's one man you'd probably find killer instinct for. That man is Larry Holmes. You don't like him, do you?

EMM: Can't stand him. I saw the interview with him in last month's *Ring*, where he called me a "faggot" and a bunch of other choice names. If he thinks I'm a faggot, let him prove it. I think Larry Holmes is one of the most stupid, ugly, gross, non-speaking, really dumb champions boxing has ever had. He's incoherent most of the time. He doesn't comprehend . . . why, my little son has a better education and is smarter than him right now. Holmes is a poor champion.

R: It's no secret you want to fight him. Knowing boxing the way you do, what could make you want to fight for the heavyweight title, knowing that light heavyweight champions have failed so miserably in heavyweight title fights?

EMM: I consider myself the best light heavyweight there ever was. Better than Billy Conn. Better than Archie Moore. Better than Bob Foster. They were real great fighters, but they weren't as smart as I am. They couldn't do everything like I can. That's what keeps me a cut above all those great champions. The world isn't even ready for me. People tell me it's ridiculous to think of fighting Holmes. It't *not* so ridiculous! Billy Conn would have won the title from the great Joe Louis if he hadn't gotten over-confident and gone for a knockout in the 13th round. I'm better than Conn. And Holmes is certainly no Louis. I'll knock him out.

R: If you did fight Holmes, he would outweigh you by perhaps 30-35 pounds. He'll have you by three-and-one-half inches in height. He'll outreach you, something you're not used to in your own division . . . How can you beat him?

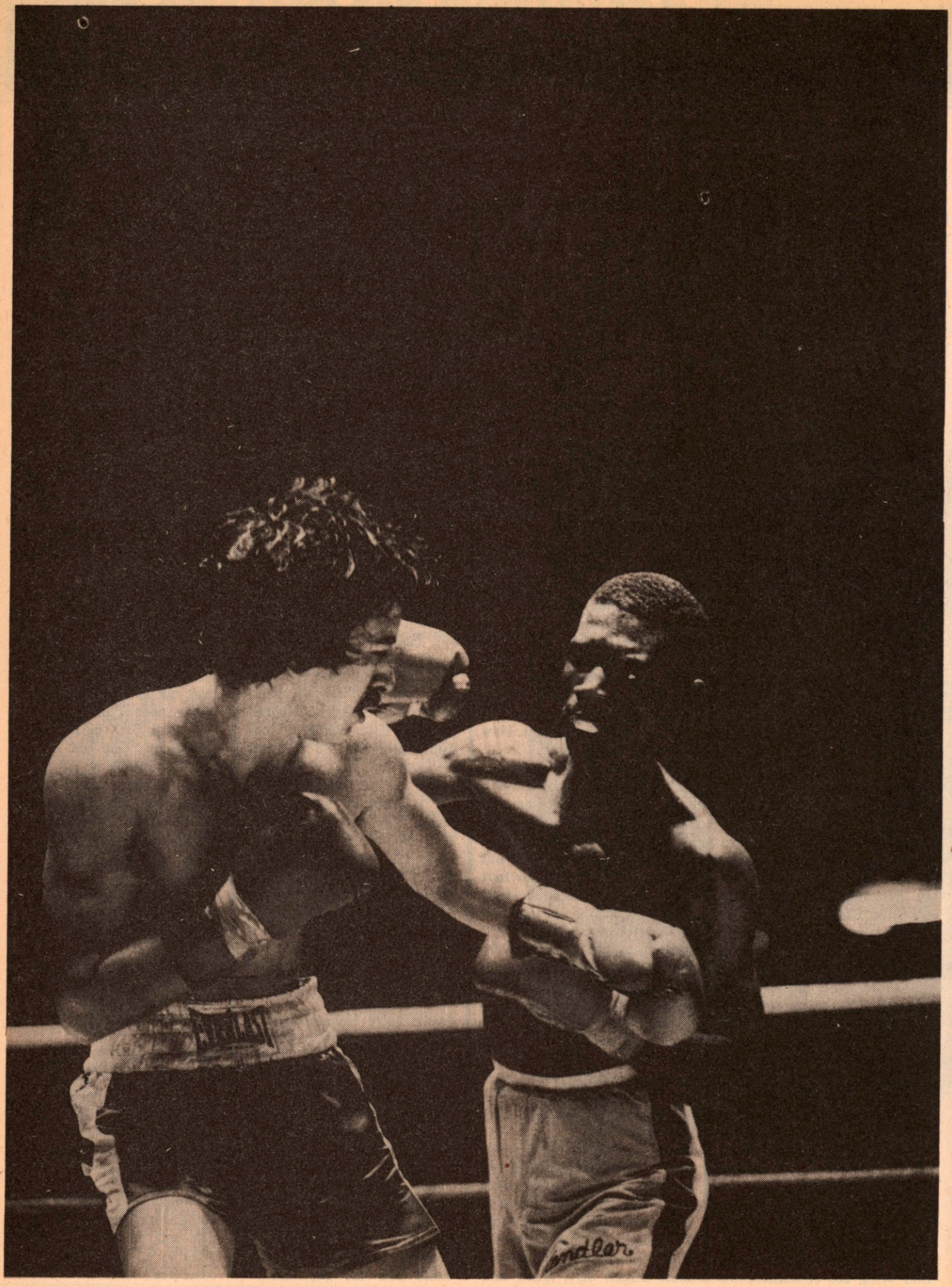
EMM: Larry Holmes does not have almighty Allah. My strong religious belief will be the difference in our fight. Besides, he can't fight and he can't bust a grape. Who did he fight in 1980? One hundred-year old guys would have given him a better fight than three of the men he fought. The only great fighter he fought was Muhammad Ali. If Ali hadn't lost all that weight so fast, he would have destroyed Holmes. My sparring partners could beat the guys Holmes beat. Here I am, knocking out serious contenders. Jerry Martin was never knocked out. Rudi Koopmans was never even defeated. I'm ahead of my time. Larry Holmes is nothing. I'd fight him at 190 pounds. I'd be strong. I'd do special exercises. I'd put on muscle, not fat. The first thing I'd do is walk in the middle of the ring and punch him in his big, ugly face. I'd go right to him and take his heart. I punch hard. I punch sharp. I will beat him because I am great and he's a bum. He's a bum wearing a $1.98 belt. It's cheap, like him. When I whup him, I'll give it back, then continue to defend my light heavyweight title.

R: This is for real, isn't it?

EMM: It sure is. I used to like Larry Holmes. He used to be my friend. Not any more. I don't like him, not at all. He doesn't show my anything. He has no class, not as a fighter, not as a person, none at all. In the interview with *Ring*, he referred to himself as "One bad nigger." See how simple he is? He's a dumb champion. Little kids are supposed to look up to a champion. Now, some little black kid is gonna think it's cool to say, "I'm a bad nigger" because Larry Holmes said it. He should be talking about education, like I do when I go out speaking. I tell kids, "Stay in school. Study. Exercise your brain. Athletics is not for everybody. Education is." But Larry Holmes is too dumb to realize that.

R: What's down the road for you?

EMM: I want to inspire the youth of the world, of all religions, races, and nationalities. I want to help get them off street corners, away from drugs and into themselves. I want to have a hand in helping youth take off in the right direction. Today's kids are tomorrow's leaders. I love doing work like that. With my title and the greatness I will bring to it, my dreams will all come true . . .



JEFF CHANDLER: A SMALL MAN MAKES IT BIG

By LEWIS FREEDMAN

THE HOSTESS IN THE DINING ROOM in the Columbus Hotel in Miami had the kind of smile that places high in beauty contests. She wore it well and displayed it often, always when addressing Jeff Chandler.

She didn't call him "Jeff" and she didn't call him "Mr. Chandler." She called him "Champ." Jeff Chandler liked that. What was interesting was that Jeff Chandler wasn't the champ. Yet. Julian Solis was and he was staying at the same hotel, but they weren't calling *him* "Champ."

Maybe it was just that Chandler was so calmly assured he spread confidence like an infectious disease. Solis, for one, didn't catch it.

On the night of Nov. 14, Chandler, 24, of Philadelphia, became the World Boxing Association bantamweight champion, highjacking the title from Puerto Rican Solis with a technical knockout at 1:05 of the 14th round. He took it away with the subtlety of Earl Campbell going off tackle—with brute force.

A knockdown via a left hook to the jaw in the first round that acquainted Solis with the ceiling of the Miami Jai Alai Fronton was the first indication the then-22-0 champion was about to endure an altercation to the loss portion of his record. The ceiling was not to be confused with the Sistene Chapel, but it was time for Solis to start praying.

Chandler, a precise and efficient puncher, who was the stolid countenance of a Marine doing his job, cut Solis over his right eye in the third round, reopened the cut in the 10th round and every round thereafter and was whaling away to Solis' unprotected body as if it was a practice bag when referee Carlos Berrocal halted things.

Custer scored more against the Indians than Solis did against Chandler. Even the Puerto Rican judge had Chandler well ahead when it ended!

Chandler, at the time ranked third in the world by *The Ring*, was not the crowd favorite (since it was Latin American dominated). Nor was he the favorite among boxing experts despite his 23-0-1 record (after just a two-bout amateur career). Solis was supposed to be fast and Chandler had not fought the top-ranked contenders—not that they were queing up in South Philadelphia demanding the opportunity to meet him, either.

But there was that confidence. Confidence is one thing Chandler has never lacked in the ring. It is not a cockiness that makes observers sneer and say "Show me" with an expectation of failure. In December, 1979 he predicted it would take him a year and five more fights to get a title fight. He was off by two weeks. Haughtiness boisterousness and arrogance are foreign to Chandler. His attitude is Norman Vincent Peale's "Power of Positive Thinking." We're not talking about bragging, just a statement of fact.

Perhaps it comes from growing up nearly undefeated in the tough streets of South Philadelphia. Maybe if you whip the crowd that frequents Sixth and Washington Streets you can call yourself the toughest 118-pound guy in the world without a WBA sanction.

Sitting at the kitchen table of his manager "K.O." Becky O'Neill, the one-time vaudevillian with a foghorn voice who stands 4-foot-8, two weeks before the fight, Chandler discussed his youth.

"I had to fight to get into school, at recess," he said. "I had plenty of practice before I got in the gym. I wasn't a bad guy either. It was just something you *had* to do."

At that moment Chandler still lived at Sixth and Washington. His wife Charlotte and baby boy Tarik ("Islamic for general," said Chandler) shared the place with his mother, Irene. But he was planning to use a hunk of his $100,000 payday to plunk down a deposit on a house—in the same neighborhood.

Chandler had few such scares in the ring against Solis. To Solis, Chandler had to seem like a swarm of bees, flicking the jab the way you flick your Bic, always coming, sticking something in the soon-to-be ex-champ's face.

"I'm going to really press him," said Chandler before the bout. He did. And whatever Solis tossed at him was brushed away as if it were a much more harmless fly.

"The scariest thing that happened to Chandler that day was the weigh-in. He is a tall bantamweight, at 5-7. Because he is so tall it would seem he must have problems making the weight, but no one has ever spied an ounce of fat on Jeff Chandler's belly. In the ring or out, it always is as flat and hard as good lumber.

But on this morning, for the first time in his life, Chandler was over—by one pound. He couldn't believe it. A half-hour later he was back on the scale and was okay. He had gone up to his hotel room to alleviate himself. It was that simple.

To illustrate how shocking the moment was to Chandler, you've got to realize weight has been such an insignificant battle he has been known to eat on the way to weigh-ins. That also illustrates how much Chandler likes food.

On this evening in Becky's kitchen, he has decimated plates of meatloaf garnished with corn, spinach, and bread and three glasses of iced tea.

"And I had two pieces of fruit before I got here," he said. Then he announced tentative plans to eat again before bedtime.

Chandler, who was the North American Boxing Federation and U.S. Boxing Association champ long before he was a world titlist, is dangerous with both hands in the ring and equally fearsome

with both hands at the table.

Willie O'Neill, Becky's husband, and another Chandler advisor, chuckles at the memory of the time Chandler ate on the way to the scales.

"He had a triple cheese omelet, a hamburger and two fruit cups," said Willie. "I was scared to death." He made the weight.

"I love fruit cups," is Jeff's only comment.

Chandler is able to avoid having to spend money for a copy of "The Scarsdale Diet" because his capacity for work is as renowned as his capacity for food.

Typically, Chandler arises at 5 a.m. and is out the door for a run, often along the Schulykill River, before the sun is up. Then he puts in eight hours a day for a Philadelphia construction firm. Then he goes to the gym for a workout.

"He's always ready," said Becky. "He trains hard. He's always in good shape."

"If you give him a day off, he'll run anyway," said Willie.

And in-between fights Chandler plays playground basketball in the neighborhood. "I'm a great shooter," he says of the game he enjoys nearly as much as boxing.

Chandler's hero is not a boxing figure from the past he has emulated or one who fills two pages in *The Ring Record Book* with accomplishments. It's Dr. J., Julius Erving, the forward for the Philadelphia 76ers basketball club. If anyone in that sport ever floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee, it's Erving.

"He's just a fantastic player," said Chandler, imitating with his hands the way Erving may twirl a basketball while bewitching a defender.

"He's just unreal. He's got a million different ways to score. He's a wizard. He still surprises me."

Does Chandler see any of Erving in himself? He pauses a minute in thought as if he has never before considered this. One can almost see his mind racing backward, reconstructing and freezing moments in the ring.

"You know, I might hit a guy with something," said Chandler earnestly, "reacting to a situation and I might think, 'Wow, did I do that?' Sometimes, I surprise myself."

He doesn't, however, surprise the O'Neills. Chandler was 19 when first he wandered up to the Passyunk Gym, but after a couple of years he encountered management problems and asked the O'Neills to take over. They knew they had a diamond—and one thing that wasn't too rough, either—from the beginning.

"The minute he put his hands up he knew what to do," said Willie. Becky calls him "the perfect student."

The relationship between the O'Neills and Chandler is a warm one. Chandler is still close to his own mother—he gave her the gloves he won the title with—but even though he is black and they are white, the O'Neills are like a second set of parents for him.

He is welcome into their house as if it is his own and Becky says, "He's part of the family." Denise, the O'Neill's daughter, says "He's got class."

Chandler has always had class in the ring, too. He comes to do a job and does it. When Chandler talkes he is direct, to the point, using only a few words when others would say many. He wastes none. It is the same way with his punching. The punches are direct, crisp and delivered efficiently. He is impossible to rattle and almost never displays emotion in the ring.

The closest he has ever come to letting something other than businesslike concentration cross his brow came in a fight last March against Andres Hernandez of Puerto Rico. Hernandez, a decision victim, butted Chandler, opening a cut over his left eye that bled like a waterfall. Chandler's brown eyes flashed anger, but he controlled it, keeping his cool and responding with a knockdown.

It may be that Chandler is a trifle vain. He enjoys his nickname of "Joltin' Jeff" and to garner a little more publicity had T-shirts of varying colors printed up advertising his name and titles.

He has a smile that crosses is sometimes devilish, but it sneaks up on you. Nothing Chandler does is in a hurry. He talks precisely and his walk is an amble. He is under control and if George Gervin hadn't already claimed the description in sports there would be a temptation to call Chandler "The Iceman."

Before the title fight Chandler insisted he was not nervous. His sparring partner, Mike Brown of Philadelphia, insisted Chandler was the same as always. The O'Neills, on the day of the fight, insisted Chandler had not been nervous the night before.

"We're all as calm as a cucumber," said Becky, using an old cliche, even if a little inaccurately.

So many times Chandler imagined the scene, that when he won the title it was like a Dick Van Dyke Show rerun. The only variable that changed in the Jeff Chandler Technicolor Picture Show was his reaction.

"Some times I think when I knock the guy out it will be like any other fight and I won't be overwhelmed," said Chandler. "Then, sometimes I think I'll jump out of the ring into the third or fourth row. I'll probably throw my hands up, smile and jump, putting all those things together."

And when the moment came when Berrocal raised his hand and the title had changed hands, Jeff Chandler leaped to touch the sky, both arms high and waving. But before he touched the ground his brothers were in the ring and lifting him and dancing him around in circles. He was smiling and jumping, alright, but he didn't make the third or fourth row.

"I'm takin' it back to South Philadelphia," he yelled in the lockerroom when the championship belt was fastened around his waist.

"I got it, man," he said. Then he hitched up the shiny spoils of battle that still had the name "Julian Solis" engraved on the front. Chandler looked down at that and smiled.

"We're going to get that changed real soon." ■

JEFF CHANDLER

Height: 5'7" **Reach:** 70"
Weight: 118 pounds
Born: September 3, 1956, Philadelphia, Pa.

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 25	Mike Dowling	Scranton	D 4
April 13	Chico Vivas	Philadelphia	W 4
June 8	Mike Frazier	Philadelphia	W 4
Aug. 6	John Glover	Atlantic City	W 4
Oct. 14	Larry Huffin	Wilmington	KO 3
Nov. 30	Pee Wee Stokes	Philadelphia	W 4

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 21	Fernando Sanchez	Philadelphia	W 6
June 15	John Glover	Philadelphia	W 6
Oct. 25	Tony Reed	Philadelphia	W 8

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 14	Tony Hernandez	Philadelphia	KO 2
May 24	Jose Luis Garcia	Philadelphia	KO 5
June 19	Roque Moreno	Philadelphia	KO 5
Aug. 24	Sergio Reyes	Philadelphia	W 8
Oct. 24	Andres Torres	Philadelphia	W 10
Dec. 5	Rafael Gandarillo	Philadelphia	KO 9

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
April 3	Davey Vasquez	Philadelphia	W 10
May 14	Justo Garcia	Philadelphia	KO 3
July 31	Alberto Cruz	Atlantic City	KO 3
Sept. 26	Baby Kid Chocolate	Upper Darby	KO 9
	(Won Vacant USBA Bantamweight Title)		
Dec. 4	Francisco Alvarado	Upper Darby	KO 7

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 1	Javier Flores	Philadelphia	KO 10
	(Won Vacant NABF Bantamweight Title)		
Mar. 29	Andres Hernandez	Atlantic City	W 12
	(Retained USBA and NABF Bantamweight Titles)		
July 12	Gilberto Villacana	Atlantic City	KO 4
July 31	Gustavo Martinez	Atlantic City	KO 8
Nov. 14	Julian Solis	Miami, Florida	KO 14
	(Won World Bantamweight Title)		

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
25	24	0	1	13

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The Young Middleweights

ALEX RAMOS

"YOU'VE GOT TO WATCH FOR THAT TREmendous power of Alex Ramos," came the nasal voice of Howard Cosell, hitting the second syllable of "tre*men*dous" almost as hard as the left hook Ramos was about to land on his highly-touted Cuban opponent.

The punch came quickly, landing flush on the Cuban's jaw. Before the Cuban had crashed unconscious to the canvas, Cosell was screaming, "There! Right there! You saw it right there!"

The fight is noteworthy because it was Ramos' last international victory and last televised knockout before his professional debut on NBC-TV last November 8.

It was March 2, 1980. Ramos was loosening up in his dressing room at Madison Square Garden. In a few moments, he would enter the main arena before 19,503 fans and attempt to win his fourth Golden Gloves championship.

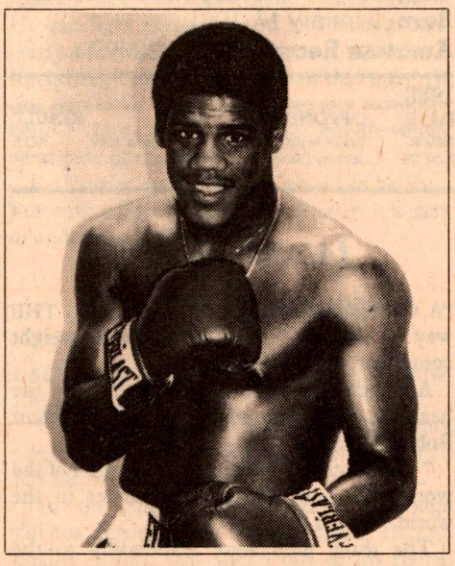
In the hallway, off which the dressing rooms are located, Ramos had exchanged verbal blows with his opponent, Ramon Nieto. Their words nearly led them to a pre-fight, bare-knuckle battle.

A reporter who had stopped by to wish Ramos luck found him seething.

"I'm gonna punish him tonight," screamed Ramos. "Punish him!"

"Just calm down," the reporter told Ramos. "Calm down and be yourself. When you're relaxed, you can punish anybody. Like this you're not the Alex Ramos all those fans came to see." The reporter turned and headed for the door.

"I'm gonna punish him good; give him a beating he'll never forget," said a still-fuming Ramos. The reporter stopped in his tracks, turned to the handsome middleweight,



pointed a finger at him and said, "Hey Ramos! Don't get cocky." Ramos didn't listen.

He climbed through the ropes, one of New York's most popular amateur fighters ever. The thunderous cheers that shook the Garden attested to that. Ramos was their hero, a radiant, Bronx-born Puerto Rican who had been personally adopted by every boxing fan, every reporter, every human he's ever come in contact with. The Alex Ramos who defeated Ramon Nieto by decision that night was not the Alex Ramos everyone had grown to love. That night, Alex Ramos was angry. He was tight. He was cruel. There were moments during the bout when it looked as if he was carrying Nieto, playing with him, taunting him, trying to do to him what Muhammad Ali had done to Ernie Terrell and Floyd Patterson. Ramos' fans knew it, and booed his performance lustily at the final bell. In the ring, he suddenly looked saddened, despite the fact his fourth pair of golden boxing gloves were being placed around his neck.

As Ramos walked down the steps of the Garden ring—steps that Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Floyd Patterson, Carlos Monzon, Emile Griffith and so many other legends had walked—Ramos spotted his reporter-friend.

"Hey Ramos, don't get cocky," said the reporter with a half-smile. Ramos half-smiled back, licked away a trickle of blood from his lower lip, rolled his eyes and nodded his head. This time he understood. He had learned a lesson.

Alex Ramos has done a lot of learning since coming into the world 20 years ago. As a youngster, he learned something about life every time he stepped out of his parents' tidy apartment into the burned-out, drug-filled, bullet-ridden, crime-infested gutters of the jungle known as the South Bronx.

"I was a bad kid," admits Ramos. "I did just about everything a kid can do. And if I didn't do it, I saw it done. While most kids don't even know about words like 'overdose', 'withdrawal' and 'setups' until high school, I knew about them when I was seven. When I look back, it hurts. I hate to think I was bad. I was young, easily influenced. I stole, beat up on anybody I could, cut out of school and when I was in school, even beat up on my teachers. In the South Bronx, you gotta prove you're tough and not a punk."

To prove his "toughness" to his peers, Ramos joined a street gang called Sons of Satan. His initiation: He had to walk, not run, a gauntlet of 30 boys who fired punches at Ramos.

"That wasn't being tough," says Ramos today. "It was stupid!"

The miraculous about-face Ramos did must be ranked alongside the parting of the Red Sea and Lazarus rising from the dead. When

NEW FACES

Ramos graduated from high school, he was a "B" student. He was loved by his teachers. He was president of his class. He was so adored by his classmates that they voted him the "Most Popular Boy."

What turned Ramos around?

"My boxing career did," theorizes Ramos, whose bright smile seems to be painted on his boyish, unmarked face. "My father, who did some boxing in Puerto Rico, wanted to get me off the streets, so he brought me to a gym in Manhattan. There I met Luis Camacho, who became my trainer." Though Ramos' body remained in the South Bronx, his mind took off for the stars.

On the way to capturing his first New York Golden Gloves title in 1977, Ramos met New York rock and roll impresario Shelly Finkel, who promotes such stars as Olivia Newton-John, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen and others. Finkel, a self-described "boxing degenerate," became Ramos' best friend, his advisor, his big brother, a man Ramos could look up to.

Together, Ramos and Finkel dreamed of the 1980 Olympics. Then came a problem called Afghanistan, and a U.S. withdrawal from The Games. Despite the pullout, Ramos still wanted to win a berth on the U.S. team. But in April, while competing in the Regional AAU Trials, an impacted wisdom tooth—along with a hard right hand on that side of Ramos' face—led to a broken jaw. Goodbye Olympic team, hello professionals.

Naturally, Ramos chose Finkel to manage him. Along with longtime trainer Camacho, George Benton was hired to teach Ramos and guide him towards the middleweight championship.

Finkel then negotiated a three-year promotional deal between Bob Arum and Ramos. Arum, in turn, negotiated his own deal with NBC-TV, which packaged Ramos and seven other outstanding young pros into a boxing series NBC calls "Tomorrow's Champions."

Ramos had just won his first professional fight, a nationally televised, fifth-round stoppage of Steve Arvin. Throughout the fight, the voice of Ramos' reporter friend kept ringing in his ear—"Hey Ramos, don't get cocky."

After the bout, Ramos decided to surprise his friend with a long-distance call.

"How'd I look?" asked Ramos. "I didn't get cocky. I just gotta relax more. When I relax, then I can go out and do what I want with my opponent. I'll get better and better. Wait'll you see me next time out. I'll use my jab more. I'll go to the body more. I'll . . . " The reporter cut in.

"Hey Ramos. You're getting cocky."

ALEX RAMOS

Height: 5'10" **Weight:** 160 pounds
Born: January 17, 1961
Amateur Record: 143-9, 92 KO's

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Nov. 8	Steve Arvin	Lake Tahoe, Nev.	KO 5
Nov. 25	Johnny Davis	Hartford	KO 4

JAMES SHULER

"A GREAT CHANCE AT GOING ALL THE way to the top," said former welterweight contender Harold Weston Jr.

A broad smile and an affirmative nod of the head was the response from AAU President Bob Surkein.

"The future middleweight champion of the world, the best young 160-pounder in the world," stated Joe Frazier.

The three men were responding to the question, "How good is James Shuler?" It was a question none of the three had to stop and dwell upon. But then, Harold Weston might be prejudiced. He is the new Assistant Matchmaker at Madison Square Garden, which holds an exclusive contract to promote Shuler's fights. Surkein might also be prejudiced. He knows Shuler well from watching the 21-year-old Philadelphian develop into one of America's top amateur middleweights, and eventually into the 1980 Olympic team's middleweight representative. Surkein, though an astute and knowledgeable boxing man, might well be too close to the fighter to give anything more than a smile and a nod without making his response seem too glowing.

As for Joe Frazier, prejudice—a word that normally knows no place in Frazier's heart—lives with the former heavyweight king and recent inductee in *The Ring*'s Hall of Fame only when he speaks of Shuler. For Joe Frazier manages James Shuler.

In order to get an honest, from-the-heart, unbiased, first-hand opinion of Shuler, New Jersey middleweight Chris Rogers was asked what he thought of him after witnessing Shuler's pro debut.

"He's strong, very strong," said Rogers with respect in his voice. "He's also very tall for a middleweight. On top of that, he's a non-stop puncher and hits hard with both hands. He's gonna be tough to beat. Real tough. I'd love to have his future."

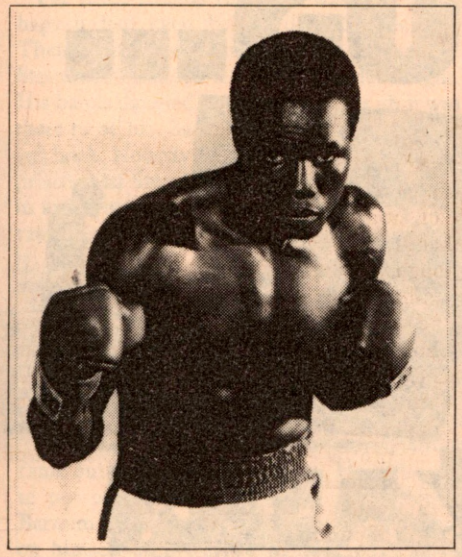
Chris Rogers can make those statements and not be thought of as prejudiced. He was Shuler's first professional opponent, lasting midway through the second round.

Shuler beat Rogers the way he beats most opponents, the way he has won three consecutive pro fights; the way he won 165 out of 173 amateur fights. He overwhelms opponents with tremendous pressure and a hailstorm of punches.

A graduate of Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin High School, Shuler was a member of his school's cross country and swimming teams. On his way home from school one day, Shuler and two of his brothers passed by Joe Frazier's gym as "Smokin' Joe" was training. They watched through the window. Their interest and curiosity grew. They walked in. For the first time, only feet in front of them, was the great Joe Frazier, live and in person. Training, sparring, exercising. For the Shulers, it was—more or less—a case of love at first fight. After talking to the former champion, the Shulers returned the following afternoon and began working out. Approximately seven months later, the future Olympic team representative won his first amateur fight. In his 165 amateur victories, 102 opponents failed to last the three-round distance. Among his other amateur accomplishments were: A silver medal in the Pan Am Games in 1979; a gold medal in the World Cup, held in New York in late 1979; and a National Golden Gloves middleweight title in 1980.

Shuler was looking towards professional horizons, but there was still work to be done, a task to be accomplished—a berth on the U.S. Olympic team.

"I was really down when I first heard that the U.S. was pulling out of The Games," stated Shuler. "But then, I got to thinking. I wasn't alone. There were other boxers just like me. There were also gymnasts, track and field stars, hockey players, basketball players . . . hundreds of athletes whose lifelong dreams had shattered. I decided to try and make the Olympic team anyway, if only for historical purposes. Also, I would have felt



JAMES SHULER

Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 160 pounds
Born: May 1959
Amateur Record: 165-8, 102 KO's

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 12	Chris Rogers	Felt Forum, N.Y.	KO 2
Oct. 10	Jamal Arbubaker	Felt Forum, N.Y.	W 4
Nov. 28	Charles Hecker	Felt Forum, N.Y.	KO 3

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
3	3	0	0	2

pretty awful if I had turned pro early in 1980, then President Carter decided to change his mind and send a team after all. I had worked for so long, I figured I might as well take my dream as far as I could. I'm glad I did. We'll never know if I could have won a gold medal in Moscow, but I believe I would have."

Last September 12, Shuler debuted at the Felt Forum, along with stablemate and close friend Marvis Frazier, under the banner of "Smokin' Joe Enterprises, Inc." Before debuting, Shuler inked a contract with the Garden that called for his services for one year or four fights—whichever came first. It was announced he had been given a $15,000 bonus for signing, and, according to a Garden spokesman, "Less than $10,000, but more than $5,000 per fight."

Whatever the deal is with the Garden, it is a deal Shuler is happy with.

"I'm on my way to the title," said Shuler. "I'm young, I'm patient. All I have to do is work hard and keep learning and listening to my trainers, Willie Folk and Al Fennell. Bigger fights will come; and so will big money."

During Shuler's third professional victory, against Charles Hecker last November 28, Frazier watched confidently from the corner as Shuler stopped his opponent in the third round.

"He's gonna be okay," said Frazier later. "You don't find many middleweights as tall as Jimmy, and you don't find many young fighters who can do as many things as him. He can fight going forward and he can fight going backward. He also listens, and that's something most young fighters don't do. At this particular time, I don't see any reason to believe he's not the future middleweight champion of the world."

Joe Frazier prejudiced? It's hard to believe. But with a fighter like James Shuler, it's easy to understand his feelings.

JEFF STOUDEMIRE

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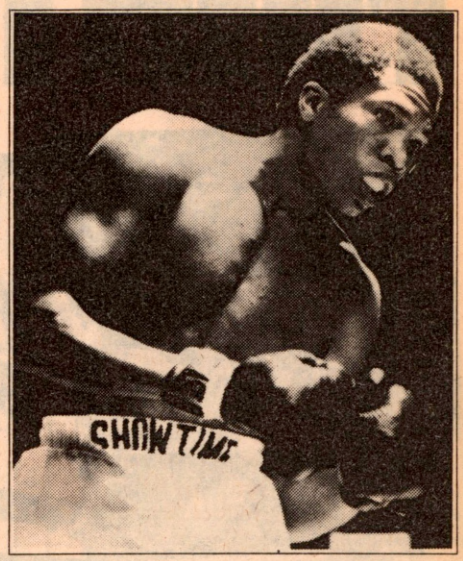
That was the date of Stoudemire's pro debut against Mike Sacchetti. The fight took place in Cleveland's Masonic Auditorium in front of 1,500 partisan Stoudemire fans.

Stoudemire had entered the ring a four-time National Golden Gloves champion, a member of the U.S. National Team and an Olympic squad representative. It was conceded he would win his first pro bout, despite the fact Sacchetti had built a 6-1 (by some counts) record and was a former West Virginia Golden Gloves champion.

Stoudemire was not satisfied to merely walk out and dazzle the tough Sacchetti into a defeat with his superior height, reach and boxing abilities. To Stoudemire, it was fight time; which also meant it was showtime. He shuffled and clowned and danced and played. However, Sacchetti had arrived in town late, and never had a chance to hear all the radio interviews and see all the television reporters running around shoving microphones and cameras in front of Stoudemire. He didn't have a chance to read all the newspapers and magazines which proclaimed Stoudemire as "The Next Middleweight Champion." Sacchetti was unawed; unimpressed with Stoudemire's antics. Sacchetti came to fight, not to ogle at a budding star.



JEFF STOUDEMIRE

Height: 6'2"
Weight: 160 pounds
Born: September 24, 1957
Amateur Record: 117-15, 38 knockouts

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 18	Mike Sacchetti	Cleveland	L 4
Oct. 28	Felix Siefrentes	Warren, Ohio	KO 1
Nov. 25	Ron Ayers	Hartford, Conn.	KO 1
Dec. 5	Kevin Cheathim	Versailles, Ohio	KO 3
Dec. 11	Pat John	Chicago	KO

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
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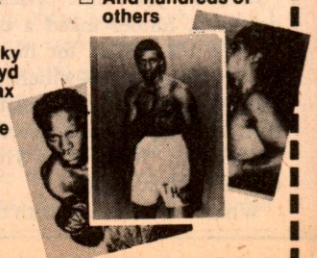

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For three rounds the fight was close. Perhaps it had even belonged to Stoudemire. Then came the fourth—and final—round. Stoudemire danced left and he danced right. His hands dangled at his side and his chin was there to be hit. Sacchetti hit it. Hard. With a left hook. Nobody in the crowd was more surprised than Stoudemire, who opened his eyes in amazement as he looked up from the canvas at Sacchetti. He picked himself up quickly, but the upset had been sealed. Sacchetti won a split-decision.

As unbelievable as it may sound, Stoudemire's love for Cleveland played a major role in his defeat. The fight had been Stoudemire's boxing homecoming. It had been two years since he had fought in the city he claims "Is my favorite in the world." Stoudemire came out to do more than win. He came out to put on a show that would do justice to Barnum & Bailey. The heavy pressure he put on himself only worked in Sacchetti's favor and led to Stoudemire's defeat.

"I simply tried to look too good," said Stoudemire afterwards. "I didn't fight my normal fight trying to impress the crowd. You won't see me like that again, though. From now on, those fans will see the real Jeff Stoudemire."

The "real" Jeff Stoudemire is a dancing master, a boxing phenomenon. He began fighting for trophies and medals in 1971, and for several years before in the ghetto he called home.

"It was there I learned to hit and not be hit," said Stoudemire.

At the beginning of his amateur career, Stoudemire fought at the featherweight and junior lightweight levels. When he lost, he lost to the best. Two of his amateur defeats came at the hands of current lightweight king Hilmer Kenty and once-beaten lightweight contender Howard Davis, Jr. When he won, he beat the best.

Two of Stoudemire's most important international victories on his rise to a rating as the amateur 156-pounder in the world came against two former Olympic Gold Medalists—Cuba's Emilio Correa and East Germany's Jochem Bachfeld.

As 1980 approached, Stoudemire was dreaming of his own Olympic gold medal.

"My dream was shattered," sighed Stoudemire after the U.S. had withdrawn from the 1980 Olympics. "But I think President Carter made the best decision he could have made." It was time to turn pro.

After considering many professional offers, Stoudemire chose Cleveland businessman Carl Lombardo to manage him. One of the major factors that led Stoudemire to sign with Lombardo was Lombardo's willingness to allow him to fight out of Cleveland, rather than in places like Las Vegas, Los Angeles and New York.

Stoudemire, who is trained by Cleveland's Clint Martin and seconded by former WBA heavyweight king Jimmy Ellis, has stayed active since dropping his opening bout. At press time he had already added four victories to the winning side of his ledger, with three more fights planned before February.

Having shaken his opening night jitters, Stoudemire is ready to make the long trek towards a world title. Victory after victory is sure to come his way.

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Chandler did not beat a bum or a washed-up fighter. In Julian Solis, Chandler faced a man who had not lost in 22 fights, and who had beaten the ultra-talented Jorge Lujan for the championship. Many experts believed Solis was the best bantamweight in the world. He still may be, next to Chandler.

Chandler did not go out to finesse the champion to defeat, to outpoint him. He walked out and began punching. Hard and often. He never allowed Solis to get into the fight. After 65 seconds of fighting in the 14th round, Chandler's hand was raised in victory. A brilliant performance from a brilliant fighter.

Chandler's performance makes *The Ring's* "Fighter of the Month," an award for which he will be presented with a one-year supply of Sasson Jeans.

Mike Rossman and Luke Capuano were also considered for "Fighter of the Month" honors, as were Frank Fletcher and Sammy NeSmith. While Rossman and Fletcher were the winners over Capuano and NeSmith, respectively, each man knew he had been in a war by the end of the fight. All four gave efforts they—and boxing—can be proud of.

Others considered for honors as the month's top fighter were Sugar Ray Leonard, who was doing all that could have been asked of him before Roberto Duran floated out of their fight due to too much gas; Carlos DeLeon and Jerry Celestine, two knockout winners on the Leonard-Duran undercard; and Howard Davis, Jr., who was transformed into a legitimate contender by the "thin air" of Lake Tahoe, Nevada, during his impressive 10-round decision against once-beaten Johnny Lira.

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

You won't find it in the annual *Ring Record Book*. And you won't find it in the monthly "Ringside Reports" which appear in *Ring* Magazine. But, last month a fight took place in Mexico City that tells more about boxing and boxing's ratings than any editorial commentary possibly could.

The fight itself—a minor skirmish featuring WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, Number One contender Gerry Cooney and WBC president Jose Sulaiman—was not much of a fight. It was, in fact, more of a pushing match. But it flavored the annual WBC convention with a cause celebre and flavored the monthly ratings of the WBC with controversy.

All the prime ingredients for a good battle were present: An international forum of boxing muka-mucks; Observers from all over the world, invited by Sulaiman to attend the Ratings Committee meeting; The prime participants in the so-called ratings battle; And several promoters with big-bucks determined to make the WBC see reason and ratings their way.

Sulaiman, sensing he needed help in compiling his ratings, had asked such knowledgeable observers as Eric Armit of England, Bob Yalen of the United States and Joe Koizumi of Japan to attend the WBC convention. So far, so good. Others who felt that the ratings were their particular province also attended—most notably Don King. His function in life was to attempt to persuade the WBC that their Number One should *not* be Gerry Cooney, who had held that distinction for the past two monthly ratings, but, instead, be Leon Spinks, who had defeated Bernardo Mercado last October 2nd. His rationale? That the Spinks-Mercado fight had been billed as an "Elimination" contest, and that the winner—Spinks—should now be viewed as the Number One contender.

King, seeking to continue his hold on the title currently held by his main man, Larry Holmes, sought to have Spinks made the Number One contender, insuring him that Holmes' mandatory title defense would come against another of his stable. It was a case of heads-I-win, tails-you-lose, with King keeping his hold on the title no matter who won.

Literal push soon turned to literal shove as Holmes and Cooney attempted to intimidate each other, with Sulaiman serving as a peacemaker, and getting a fat lip for his efforts.

After all the shoving and pushing was over, the WBC's Ratings Committee, by a vote of 14-2, reaffirmed their previous month's enshrinement of Cooney as their Number One contender, despite all the lobbying.

What this proves is that Sr. Sulaiman doesn't so much need the assistance of international observers so much as insistence—insistence that the ratings, as espoused by the WBC, are meaningful and above politics. Until that time, the WBC ratings, observers or no, will suffer their fate as second best to *The Ring*'s.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1. Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
2. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3. Tommy Jackson, Far Rockaway, N.Y.
4. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
5. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio
6. John Holman, Chicago Ill.
7. Nino Valdes, Cuba
8. Jimmy Slade, New York, N.Y.
9. Don Cockell, England
10. Johnny Summerlin, Detroit, Mich.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio
1. James Carter, New York, N.Y.
2. Duilio Loi, Italy
3. Frankie Ryff, New York, N.Y.
4. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
5. Cisco Andrade, Compton Calif.
6. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
7. Ludwig Lightburn, British Honduras
8. Kenny Lane, Muskegon, Mich.
9. Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
10. Joe Lopes, Sacramento, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, San Diego, Calif.
1. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. Willie Pastrano, New Orleans, La.
3. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, B.W.I.
4. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
5. Harold Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
6. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
7. Willi Hoepner, Germany
8. Chuck Speiser, Lansing, Mich.
9. Randy Turpin, England
10. Eddie Cotton, Seattle, Wash.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Fred Galiana, Spain
2. Ciro Morasen, Cuba
3. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N.Y.
4. Ray Famechon, France
5. Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
6. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
7. Flash Elorde, Philippines
8. Lauro Salas, Monterrey, Mexico
9. Brian Kelly, Ireland
10. Shigeru Kaneko, Japan

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
1. Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
2. Charley Humez, France
3. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
4. Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, Ohio
5. Holley Mims, Washington, D.C.
6. Joey Giardello, Philadelphia, Pa.
7. Ralph Jones, Yonkers, N.Y.
8. Artie Towne, New York, N.Y.
9. Milo Savage, Salt Lake City, Utah
10. Bobby Dykes, Miami, Fla.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Robert Cohen, France
1. Mario D'Agata, Italy
2. Billy Peacock, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Hilaire Pratesi, France
4. Raton Macias, Mexico
5. Andre Valignat, France
6. Jose Lopez, Laguna, Mexico
7. Little Cezar, Philippines
8. Bobby Sinn, Australia
9. Emil Chemama, France
10. Peter Keenan, Scotland

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N.Y.
1. Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
2. Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Vince Martinez, Patterson, N.J.
5. Isaac Logart, Cuba
6. Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.
7. Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
8. Joe Miceli, New York, N.Y.
9. George Barnes, Australia
10. Maurice Harper, Oakland, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Pascual Perez, Argentina
1. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
2. Young Martin, Spain
3. Danny Kid, Philippines
4. Dai Dower, Wales
5. Tanny Campo, Philippines
6. Jake Tuli, South Africa
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1 **Mike Weaver*** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
2 **Gerry Cooney** . . . . . Huntington, N.Y.
3 **Leon Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
4 **Michael Dokes** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
5 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
6 **Marty Monroe** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Trevor Berbick** . . . . . Halifax, Canada
8 **Greg Page** . . . . . Louisville, Ky.
9 **Bernardo Mercado** . . . . . Colombia
10 **Ken Norton** . . . . . Compton, Calif.

11. Leroy Jones, 12. James (Quick) Tillis, 13. John Tate, 14. Ossie Ocasio, 15. Randall (Tex) Cobb, 16. Renaldo Snipes, 17. Scott LeDoux, 18. Stan Ward, 19. Marvin Stinson, 20. George Chaplin, 21. John L. Gardner, 22. Eddie Lopez, 23. Pinklon Thomas, 24. Jimmy Abbott

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MATTHEW SAAD MUHAMMAD** . . . . Phila., Pa.
1 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad*** . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
2 **Michael Spinks** . . . . . St. Louis, Mo.
3 **James Scott** . . . . . Rahway, N.J.
4 **Jerry Martin** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
6 **Lotte Mwale** . . . . . Zambia
7 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 **Yaqui Lopez** . . . . . Stockton, Calif.
9 **Marvin Camel** . . . . . Missoula, Mont.
10 **Jesse Burnett** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

11. John Conteh, 12. Mike Rossman, 13. Mustapha Wasajja, 14. Murray Sutherland, 15. Jerry Celestine, 16. Dwight Braxton, 17. Tony Mundine, 18. Hocine Tafer, 19. Louis Pergaud, 20. Vonzell Johnson, 21. Richie Kates, 22. Pete McIntyre, 23. Rudi Koopmans

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
1 **Alan Minter** . . . . . England
2 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit
3 **Vito Antuofermo** . . . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
4 **Fulgencio Obel** . . . . . Venezuela
5 **Curtis Parker** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
7 **Ronnie Harris** . . . . . Canton, Ohio
8 **Wilford Scypion** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
9 **Ruben Pardo** . . . . . Argentina
10 **Matteo Salvemini** . . . . . Italy

11. Vinnie Curto, 12. Mike Colbert, 13. Ray Seales, 14. Frank Fletcher, 15. Ernie Singletary, 16. Marcos Geraldo, 17. Sammy NeSmith, 18. Tony Sibson, 19. William "Caveman" Lee, 20. Loucif Hamani, 21. Ralph Moncrief, 22. Frank Wissenbach, 23. Norberto Sabater, 24. Jose Macias

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

AYUB KALULE* . . . . . Denmark
1 **Maurice Hope**** . . . . . England
2 **Kenny Bristol** . . . . . Guyana
3 **Rocky Mattioli** . . . . . Australia
4 **Roger Leonard** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
5 **Tony Chiaverini** . . . . . Kansas City, Mo.
6 **Rocky Mosley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
7 **Carlos Herrera** . . . . . Argentina
8 **Walter Gomez** . . . . . Argentina
9 **Bushy Bester** . . . . . South Africa
10 **Tidashi Mihara** . . . . . Japan

11. Tyrone Rackley, 12. Nick Ortiz, 13. Zeferino Gonzalez, 14. Marijan Benes, 15. Steve Delgado, 16. Charlie Weir, 17. Babilah McCarthy, 18. Tony Ayala, Jr., 19. Nino Gonzales, 20. Andoni Amana, 21. Ray Hammond, 22. Luigi Minchillo, 23. Clemente Tshinza, 24. O'Dell Leonard

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Thomas Hearns*** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Wilfred Benitez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
5 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Calif.
6 **Pete Ranzany** . . . . . Sacramento, Calif.
7 **Adolfo Viruet** . . . . . Hoboken, N.J.
8 **Jorgen Hansen** . . . . . Denmark
9 **Luis Primera** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Clint Jackson** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.

11. Josef Nsubuga, 12. Larry Bonds, 13. Harold Volbrecht, 14. Victor Martinez, 15. Pepe Dominguez, 16. Greg Stephens, 17. Johnny Turner, 18. Mario Guillotti, 19. Luis Resto, 20. Tito Yanni, 21. Alfredo Lucero

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
2 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . Zaire
3 **Lennox Blackmoore** . . . . . Guyana
4 **Sang-Hyun Kim** . . . . . Korea
5 **Domingo Ayala** . . . . . Puerto Rico
6 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
7 **Teo Ozuna** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
8 **Sal Lopez** . . . . . Sacramento, Cal.
9 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.
10 **Bruce Curry** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Monroe Brooks, 12. Roberto Alfaro, 13. Hugo Luero, 14. Maurice Watkins, 15. Jeff Malcolm, 16. Mark Ibanez, 17. Dujuan Johnson, 18. Esteban DeJesus, 19. Cristobal Torres, 20. Juan Jose Gimenez, 21. Arseneo Green, 22. Obisia Nwankpa, 23. Guiseppe Martinese, 24. Jose Salazar, 25. Thomas Americo

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(AS OF DECEMBER 10, 1980)

The names following each division received votes (in order of their listing).

***WBA champion** ****WBC champion**

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT

1 **Hilmer Kenty*** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Jim Watt**** . . . . . Scotland
3 **Alexis Arguello** . . . . . Nicaragua
4 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
5 **Howard Davis, Jr.** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
6 **Rodolfo Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
7 **Sean O'Grady** . . . . . Oklahoma City, Ok.
8 **Vilomar Fernandez** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
10 **Ernesto Espana** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Edwin Viruet, 12. Johnny Lira, 13. Julio Valdes, 14. Gonzallo Montellano, 15. Herman Montes, 16. Cornelius Boza Edwards, 17. Cocoa Sanchez, 18. Jorge Morales, 19. Andy Ganigan, 20. Leonidas Asprilla, 21. Jose Luis Ramirez, 22. Charlie Nash, 23. Ken Buchanan, 24. Francisco Leon

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

YASUTSUNE UEHARA* . . . . . Japan
1 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Samuel Serrano** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Ildelfonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela
4 **Roberto Elizondo** . . . . . Corpus Christi, Tex.
5 **Frankie Baltazar** . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
6 **Victor Echegaray** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Greg Coverson** . . . . . Kalamazoo, Mich.
8 **Johnny Sato** . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
9 **Leonel Hernandez** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Ruben Riani** . . . . . Argentina

11. Oscar Arnal, 12. Enrique Maxwell, 13. Rolando Navarette, 14. Johnny Aba, 15. Reynaldo Hidalgo, 16. Armando Perez, 17. Carlos Pinango, 18. Guillermo Morales, 19. John Verderosa, 20. Rey Tam, 21. Evans Gwiji, 22. Robert Mullens

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
2 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
3 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
4 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
5 **Patrick Ford** . . . . . Guyana
6 **Juan Malvarez** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Roberto Castanon** . . . . . Spain
8 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
9 **Noel Arriesgado** . . . . . Honolulu
10 **Francisco Manzo** . . . . . Mexico

11. Luis Avila, 12. Paul Ferreri, 13, Guillermo Morales, 14. Pat Cowdell, 15. Johnny Sato, 16. Juan Escobar, 17. Alberto Collazo, 18. Mario Miranda, 19. Royal Kobayashi, 20. Hiraku Tomonari, 21. Cesar Ligan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Sergio Palma*** . . . . . Argentina
2 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
3 **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Republic
4 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
5 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
6 **Soon-Hyun Chung** . . . . . Korea
7 **Carmelo Negron** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
8 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 **Jose Cervantes** . . . . . Colombia
10 **Carlos Mendoza** . . . . . Panama

11. Edwin Rosario, 12. Juan (Kid) Meza, 13. Derrik Holmes, 14. Baba Jimenez, 15. Juan Antonio Lopez, 16. Ric Diamale, 17. Jaime Garza, 18. Hurricane Teru, 19. Javier Flores, 20. Shuchi Isogami, 21. Julio Soto Solano, 22. Jesus Caicedo

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Alberto Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
Jorge Lujan . . . . . Panama
5 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Rafael Orono** . . . . . Venezuela
8 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan
9 **Jose R. Narvaez** . . . . . Argentina
10 **Norberto Cabrera** . . . . . Mexico

11. Shuchi Isogami, 12. Ricardo Bennett, 13. Carlos Bejarano, 14. Johnny Carter, 15. Jose Uziga, 16. Julio Saba, 17. Ramon Soria, 18. Ronald Sumalis, 19. Gigio Estrada, 20. Weilie Nkosinkula

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

SHOJI OGUMA** . . . . . Japan
1 **Yoko Gushiken** . . . . . Japan
2 **Tae-Shik Kim*** . . . . . Korea
3 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
4 **Guty Espadas** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Chan-Hee Park** . . . . . Korea
6 **Betulio Gonzalez** . . . . . Venezuela
7 **Luis Ibarra** . . . . . Panama
8 **Charlie Magri** . . . . . England
9 **Miguel Canto** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Joey Olivo** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Willie Jensen, 12. Sung-Jun Kim, 13. Orlando Maldonado, 14. Pedro Flores, 15. Peter Mathebula, 16. Jovito Rengifo, 17. Shigeo Nakajima,18. German Torres, 19. Antonio Avelar, 20. Gustavo Ballas, 21. Candido Tellez, 22. Stephen Muchoki, 23. Steve Bell, 24. Yong-Hyun Kim

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FLETCHER-NeSMITH

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Rampaging lefthander Frank "The Animal" Fletcher scored a sixth round knockout over "Slammin'" Sammy NeSmith in a blood-splattered brawl, at Resorts International Hotel Casino.

Fletcher's victory has to be considered a minor upset. NeSmith, a fringe contender with a recent knockout victory over Ronnie Harris, was competing in his 40th pro bout (35-5, with 31 stoppages to his credit) compared with only 12 paid outings (9-2-1, seven kayoes) for Frank.

Fletcher's thrilling win was not completely unexpected. He won the ESPN cable-TV tournament this year, establishing himself as a dark horse candidate for future honors. He is a colorful ex-con with a killer instinct and a hungry look in his eyes. His exciting, go-for-broke style has already made him a favorite with the fans. They were shouting, "We want the Animal. We want the Animal," even before Frank entered the ring.

The opening minutes of the first round were relatively tame. Then, as the round drew to a close, Fletcher pinned NeSmith in a corner, ducked uner several of Sammy's combos, and cracked a solid left hook upside his head. It was a portent of things to come.

NeSmith, 160, was warned for hitting low by referee John Fitzpatrick in the second. This fired Fletcher up even more. He backed NeSmith against the ropes and hammered away for the remainder of the session.

The key to the fight for Fletcher was to stay close to NeSmith, taking away his power. The Indianapolis veteran is a murderous puncher at long range, but is hampered by his long arms during the infighting.

All hell broke loose in the third. Both men were trading leather at heavy pace, when a bloody gash appeared on the side of Fletcher's left eyebrow.

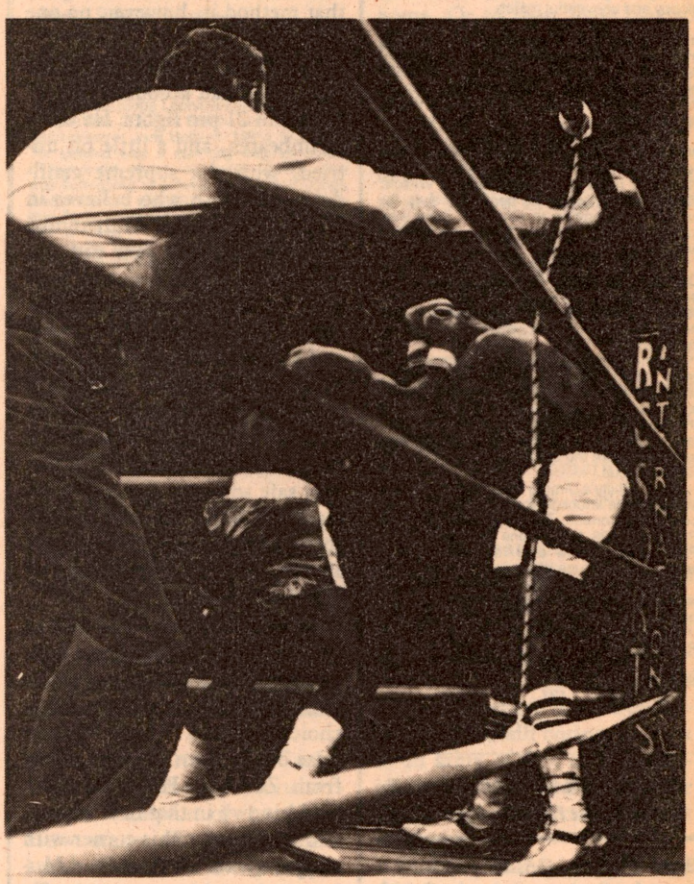
"The only time I was hurt was when I got cut," said Fletcher. "I hit him a shot and his head smacked into mine. I was worried they might stop it, so I went to work." Did he ever! "The Animal" trapped NeSmith in a neutral corner and really opened up, ripping home countless hooks to the body and head.

NeSmith still looked sturdy at this point, despite the punishment he had absorbed, and he landed some good punches of his own. They were not enough, however, to keep Frank off his chest.

Good corner work stemmed the flow of blood from Fletcher's wound and he stomped out for the fourth eager to get down. It was not long before NeSmith had his back against the ropes again, fielding one shot after another. When he tried to extradite himself, Fletcher shoved him back into the ropes.

"Slammin' Sammy" opened the fifth with a brace of right hands that caught Fletcher, 160½, clean and turned his knees to jello. They were the best two punches NeSmith landed. They were also practically his last.

Fletcher recovered in a flash, punched his adversary into a corner and proceeded to dish out the sort of beating that sometimes leads to tragedy. Fitzpatrick could have stopped it on a number of occasions, but chose to let the massacre continue.



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Fletcher went right back to work in the sixth, once more pinning NeSmith on the ropes. One flurry followed another and, finally, a right put the courageous NeSmith on the deck.

NeSmith was the picture of defeat, looking like he had been crucified by some deranged executioner. He sat slumped in his corner, arms resting helplessly on the bottom ropes, blood smeared on his face, chest and trunks, and a dazed expression on his battered countenance.

Fitzpatrick got about halfway into his count, waved his arms in the air at 1:38 of the round, and called medical aid into the ring. It was several minutes before Sammy was gently helped to his stool.

It was a bout between two middleweights who came to fight—the Fight of the Month.

Philadelphian Roger Stafford won the ESPN welterweight National Semifinals with a 10-round unanimous decision over Vineland, New Jersey's Tony Suero.

Stafford, 147, used his superior boxing skills to outpoint his clinch-prone opponent in

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most rounds. Suero, 148, never threatened to take charge and, all-in-all, it was a rather sloppy and uneventful match.

Stafford had the last round taken away from him by referee Vincent Rainone and still managed to take all three score cards—8-2, 7-2-1, and 6-2-2. It was Suero's first loss in nine pro bouts. Roger upped his record to 14-2-1, 7 kayoes. He now travels to Las Vegas for the finals.

Philadelphian Myron Taylor, 124, ran his winning streak to five straight with a second-round TKO over Memphis' Earl Wilson. A perfect right hand to the face floored Wilson, 126½, and, although he beat the count, he was in no condition to carry on. Time was called at the 2:25 mark. Taylor is a face to watch.

Herb Darity, 142, Hartford, Conn., TKO'd Camden's Andre Boyer, 139½, at 2:36 of the second. Darity, badly cut over the left eye, rallied to slice Boyer on the bridge of his nose and score a knockdown before being called off.

Former amateur hotshot Johnny Bumphus, 143½, Tacoma, Wash., was fed soft touch Ken Long, 139, Phila., and responded with a knockout at 2:24 of the first. This was the only poor match on an otherwise excellent card. Long went down from a light blow and made sure the count had reached 10 before he got up.

South Philly's Jimmy Washington, 127¾, scored three knockdowns in the fourth to record an automatic TKO over Ohio's Chico Rodriguez, 128. Livingstone Bramble, 129¾, Passaic, N.J., drew over four brisk rounds with "Sugar" Bruce Williams, 134, Philly.

The show, held in the Superstar Theatre, was televised over the ESPN cable and was promoted by J. Russell Peltz and Top Rank.

Referees—John Fitzpatrick and Vincent Rainone.

Judges—Milo Savage and William Kostrov.

Attendance—1,127.

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SAAD MUHAMMAD-MWALE
World Light Heavyweight Title

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Before a crowd of approximately 2,500 paying customers (in a venue that seats 12,000), Matthew Saad Muhammad, 174½, Philadelphia, successfully defended his WBC world light heavyweight title for the fifth time with a sensational fourth round knockout over Lotte Mwale, 173, Zambia, in the fourth round.

The place looked empty, which has become the trademark of the Muhammad Ali Professional Sports (MAPS) promotional group. They continuously lose money, and nobody cares. Their innovative promotional strategies and creative genius have made them the talk of the boxing world. They run a show with no intention of breaking even or making a profit, and they spend money like it's going out of style. There must be a method to their madness. What that method is, however, no one knows.

Mwale was no pushover, as his right hand had accounted for 17 kayoes in 21 pro fights. He came in unbeaten, and a little bit untried, with the supreme confidence of a man who believes in himself. He'd seen Muhammad fight before, and just did not believe that Saad could beat him. Lotte saw the champion as easy to hit, susceptible to cuts, and someone who could be outboxed. The only problem Mwale couldn't figure out was how to do it. He could knock him out, or cut him up, or just play safe and box. Decisions, decisions. Well, the win would come when it came. He wasn't about to blow his opportunity by being careless.

Muhammad came out for the first round like a maddened bull, charging in recklessly. Mwale anticipated this, and got in a few choice punches which brought cries of joy from the contingent from Zambia. He more than held his own in that first session, and went back to his corner with a big smile on his face. Saad Muhammad would soon wipe it off.

Mwale came out for the second determined to keep the fight at a distance. Muhammad proceeded to barrel in with some wicked body punches from both hands. Mwale, for some reason, discounted these attacks; he did not attempt to stop the punches. Body punches, like cheap wine, catch up to you—and lay you on your butt.

It was evident, after round two, that Lotte had to do something about those body shots. What he did from there on in could mean the difference between defeat and victory. Mwale, egged on by his countrymen, tried throwing bombs, boxing, and moving in and out. Still those heavy punches landed. Lotte, it seemed, was either foolish or just didn't know how to stop those strength sapping body punches. It was also apparent that he lacked the strength to keep the champion off him.

A tremendous right to the side of the head shook him badly near the end of the third round. The handwriting was on the wall. Unless he could check the champ's brutal body attack, the fight would soon be over.

A crushing overhand right caught Mwale along the ropes, driving his head down to his chest. A brutal left uppercut then seemed to lift him off his feet and snap his head back with a jerk. Mwale went down stiff as a board. In all the years that I've watched boxing, I have never seen a more devastating punch. The fight was over before Mwale hit the deck. He was out cold at the 2:23 mark.

LOUIS MESORANA

M. MUHAMMAD-KOOPMANS
WBA Light Heavyweight Title

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—No one in their right minds would offer—much less give—Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, 175, Brooklyn, $650,000 to defend his WBA light heavyweight title against Holland's Rudi Koopmans, also 175, the European champ. No one except MAPS.

This fight was turned down by the major networks. That should indicate something. The networks are in the business of making money. MAPS, it seems, is not. Does the silver lining in this cloud have an ominous veil?

The bout, held in L.A.'s Olympic Auditorium the night after MAPS' great money losing fight between Saad Muhammad and Lotte Mwale, brought to mind a Roadrunner cartoon. In the cartoon, poor ol' Wile E. Coyote never gets his hands on the roadrunner, no matter how hard he tries. The roadrunner was played to perfection in this fight by Rudi Koopmans. Rudi knew this was his big chance to impress Hollywood producers. He'd studied all the Roadrunner cartoons and had his part down pat. He might have had a shot at a big part in a Warner Bros. cartoon, and wasn't about to blow it.

Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, AKA Wile E. Coyote, chased and chased Rudi the Roadrunner for three rounds before a cut over the roadrunner's left eye prompted the ringside medicos to call a halt to Koopmans' performance. Rudi, of course, protested that he wasn't being given the opportunity to show what he could really do. And stopping the bout certainly wasn't fair to the fans who came to see him go "Beep! Beep!" for 15 rounds.

Oh, well. There's always Disney. Rudi has survived without much damage by running in circles, though his feathers did get a bit ruffled. He really had no choice except to run because, in a head-on fight, he would've gotten slaughtered.

The running tactic might have succeeded in the later rounds, but that's kind of doubtful, Koopmans was facing a man who could have belted him out with one punch anytime he landed solidly. Mustafa wanted to look good, and the roadrunner made him look anything but. He would have trapped Koopmans eventually, and made him pay for his great indiscretion. Eddie was superior to Rudi in every department except running.

The best fight of the night was actually an exhibition between stablemates Thomas Hearns and William (Caveman) Lee. Caveman came out throwing bombs, and got carried away with himself. He was almost carried out of the ring, as Thomas really poured it on at one point. The WBA welter champ held back to avoid knocking out his frisky stablemate, but did enough to keep Lee in his place. The pair kept getting in brisk exchanges, with Hearns doing just enough to remind Lee not to get silly—or else he would *be* silly—as in "knocked."

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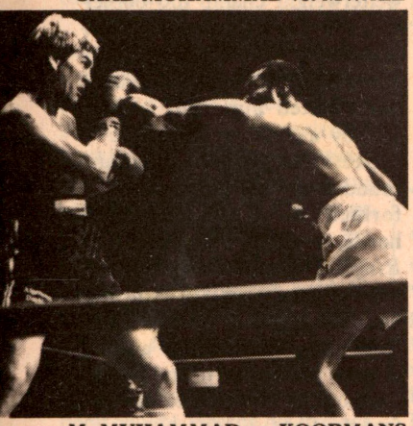

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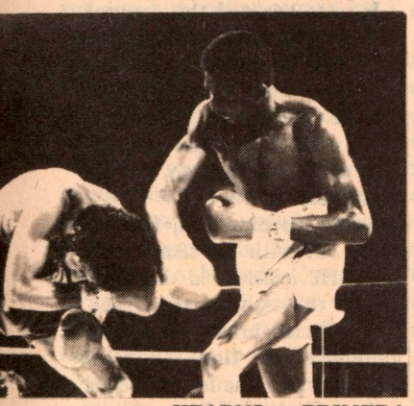

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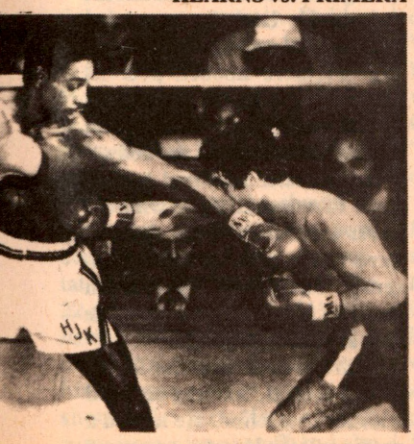

KENTY vs. FERNANDEZ

NORTON-COBB

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Using the savvy gained from squaring off against most of the past decade's top heavies, 35-year-old Ken Norton staged a ferocious rally in the 10th and final round to win a split decision over formerly unbeaten Randall (Tex) Cobb at Hemisfair Arena. Cobb was one month and three days shy of his 26th birthday.

The opening stages of the fracas saw Cobb, 226½, a former reserve tackle on Abilene Christian College's 1973 national championship team, force Norton to the ropes and land his relatively slow—but powerful—left job time and time again. Norton, in return, was able to score—infrequently—with a left jab to the belly and a looping overhand right. Cobb often dropped his left after a jab.

By round four, Norton, a surprisingly trim 218, had begun to open up, and, despite spending most of the time with his back against the ropes, actually won the round by buckling Cobb's knees with a right hand lead at the bell.

The middle phase of the bout saw the action go into a pattern, Randall forcing the action and hitting Ken at will with his jab, but being pelted with Norton's counterpunches. By the end of the sixth heat, Cobb looked comfortably ahead. He was following his fight plan: take the fight to Norton, who's legs were, quite naturally, suspect.

It was at this point that Norton (billed here as an "ex-champion") began to use his far greater experience. He made sure that his return to fistic action was more successful than the embarrassing fate suffered by his long time adversary, Muhammad Ali. Using a left hook thrown in combination with a right which seemed to land every time it was attempted in the battle's later stages, Ken began the ascent back into the middle of the already muddled heavyweight ranks.

The final scores were: referee Tony Perez (New York), 97-94, Norton; judge A.D. "Spider" Bynum (Dallas), 97-95, Cobb; judge Chuck Hassett (Los Angeles), 96-95, Norton.

Mike Ayala, 120¾, San Antonio, won unanimous decision over Javier Flores, 118¾, Salt Lake City, 10. Scoring: referee Roy A. Ovalle, 100-92; judge Jimmy Scaramozi, 98-91; judge Leonard Zuniga, 100-90.

Lynn Ball, 211, Fort Worth, won unanimous decision over Jody Ballard, 198¾, Houston, 10. Ballard was a last day sub for NABF heavyweight champion Leroy Jones, who was scheduled to defend against Ball. Jones was unable to gain physical clearance from the Texas commission because of a detached retina.

Candido Tellez, 110, Mexico, knocked out Candelario (Candy) Iglesias, 108¼, Los Angeles, in 0:35 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10.

Felix Castillo, 115¾, San Antonio, halted Armando Hilario, 118¼, at 2:30 of round two in a scheduled six.

Tony Tubbs, 221½, Cincinnati, won unanimous decision over Ron Draper, 199½, Las Vegas, six.

Preliminary Officials—Steve Crossen, Roy Ovalle, Jimmy Scaramozi, Leonard Zuniga.

Timekeeper—Bill Gavin.

Knockdown Timer—Nat Como.

Promoter—MAPS. Matchmaker—Norman Henry.

Attendance—5,709. Gross—$90,430.

The Norton-Cobb and Ayala-Flores bouts were also seen by subscribers of the Cox Cable Television network, with Don Dunphy, Carlos Palomino, and Jayne Kennedy broadcasting.

C.A. JACKSON

DeLEON-CAMEL
WBC Cruiserweight Title

NEW ORLEANS, LA—Carlos DeLeon is the new cruiserweight champion of the world. How many of you out there know that? How many of you care?

At least the two people who mattered most—Carlos DeLeon and Marvin Camel—cared.

Not to take anything away from DeLeon, who certainly came to win, not to take anything from Camel, who certainly showed more heart and courage than any fighter in the Superdome that particular night, the fight was hardly exciting. Good, yes. Hard fought, yes. Exciting, no. For 15 rounds, the pattern remained the same. Southpaw Camel ran and bled. DeLeon, with knockout on his mind, chased. And chased.

For one, the fight was anti-climactic. Highly anti-climactic. It was put on nearly 30 minutes *after* the controversial rematch between Sugar Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran. By that time, a major percentage of the 25,000 fans in the Superdome had gone home. Or to their local bars to ask, "Did Roberto Duran really quit?" For the fans who stayed, their eyes might have been focused on the Camel-DeLeon fight, but their thoughts continued to play over the eighth round of Duran-Leonard. And over.

It is hard to fathom why the Camel-DeLeon fight was put on last. Supposedly, it was for a world title. The "Cruiser" title. Or, is that the "Snoozer" title? Why wasn't it put on *before* the Leonard-Duran fight, as a titular appetizer? It was as if the promoters knew something we didn't before the actual fight ever happened.

It is embarrassing for the WBC to think that they put on a "world title fight" in front of a handful of fans and a thimbleful of reporters, when the promotion first featured an array of fights that ranged from dreadfully-awful to plain boring, in front of an army of fans and a battalion of reporters. Is that what the WBC thinks of its cruiserweight title?

DeLeon, 182½, stepped into the Superdome ring with a 27-1-1 record. His only loss had come in September, 1977, when, as an 18-year-old, he was decisioned over eight rounds by New York's talented Ray Hammond. The draw came two-and-one-half years earlier.

The superbly-conditioned Camel, 182, obviously hoped to bounce around, outbox his shorter, stockier, more heavily-muscled opponent, and take a one-sided decision. DeLeon's tremendous pressure, plus several facial lacerations and the fact that he is not a knockout puncher were Camel's undoing.

He bled from the first round on. In fact, it seemed he bled every time DeLeon looked at him. And, every time he returned to his corner after yet another hard-fought round, his corner had to patch another leak in his face.

As the fight progressed in its by-now unchanging style, it became apparent that Camel would need more than a stiff right jab and an overhand left to retain his title.

By the end of the fight, Camel had blood trickling from both nostrils, from his mouth, and from cuts above and below each eye. Yet he never stopped trying, never stopped throwing punches, never stopped desperately working to retain the title that was being washed away by his own blood and by a torrent of solid blows from DeLeon—blows that may well have dropped any other opponent.

Judges Roberto Ramirez of Mexico and Lucien Benequet of New Orleans scored the fight 145-142 and 145-141, respectively, for the new champion. A third judge, Luis Solis of Mexico, called the fight a 145-145 draw. There always has to be one judge in the crowd who cannot score a fight correctly. Referee Carlos Padilla had no say in the voting. *The Ring* score card scored it 145-142 for DeLeon.

No announcements were made as to when, where or against whom DeLeon will make his first defense of the cruiserweight title. Whatever, wherever and against whomever, nothing could be worse than the manner the promoters and the WBC handled this fight.

In other bouts on the card, light heavyweight Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, knocked out Cleveland's Pablo Ramos with a right hand in :27 of the ninth round; Roger Leonard, Palmer Park, Md., won a 10-round decision against Houston's Mel Dennis in a junior middleweight bout which sent the sales of "No Doz" skyrocketing; Middleweight Mark Holmes, Easton, Pa., upped his record to 5-0 with a fifth-round stoppage of Bruce Calloway, New Orleans; and in the opening bout of the evening, Melvin Paul, New Orleans, making his professional debut, stopped another localite, Chubby Johnson, in 2:29 of the third round. Johnson and Paul are lightweights. *RANDY GORDON*

HOPE-HERRERA
WBC Junior Middleweight Title

LONDON, ENGLAND — Any doubts about Maurice Hope's claim to be a worthy champion have disappeared. The way in which he won a unanimous decision over Carlos Herrera, Argentina, to retain his WBC title showed just what he's made of.

The scorecards were as follows: referee Arthur Mercante (U.S.A.), 142-139; judge Harry Gibbs (Great Britain), 145-142; judge Horacio Lucena (Argentina), 147-146.

The bout was staged at Wembley in the early hours of the morning to accommodate American TV.

Herrera came to Britain with a group of businessmen including former middleweight champion Carlos Monzon. His record, 40 bouts, showed only four defeats, and he'd won his last 28 contests.

Herrera, also, was a southpaw, and was expected to extend Hope fully. It was Maurice's third defense of his WBC crown.

What the fans did not know was that Hope had had the flu two weeks before. He was in bed for four days, and Maurice later confessed that, at one stage, he'd considered pulling out. Hope felt fit enough to go ahead when his four days in bed were over.

It turned out to be some fight. Both men punched non-stop, and there was one point, in round 11, when things looked grim for Hope. He recovered, though, like a true champion.

Herrera had the height and reach on Hope, and he used both with good effect. After the first few rounds—with the usual "feeling out" tactics, Herrera started forcing things in canto five. Left crosses to the jaw pulled "Mo" up in his tracks.

It was torrid stuff, and Hope was made to work for every point. He jabbed hooked, and threw a lot of punches, but Herrera never stopped working away.

Referee Mercante kept busy jumping around to avoid the two southpaws. In round eight, he took a point away from Hope's score for allegedly pulling his man on.

As round succeeded round, Hope's jab was working overtime, but Herrera was not far behind in his efforts. Maurice was bleeding from the mouth.

Round 11 was almost disastrous for Hope. The Argentinian was punching away merrily when Maurice appeared to slip in a pool of water near Herrera's corner. He ended up in a sitting position on the bottom strand of the ropes.

Hope's recent illness must have affected his performance, but he kept going in commendable fashion. In round 12, Herrera went down on one knee. He was also looking weary.

It was a cracking contest, and still anybody's fight, but Hope's jabs kept finding their target on his opponent's face. Herrera seemed to be waiting for openings that never came.

Hope was cut over the right eye, the first time he had been cut in five years. He jabbed and moved, throwing punches, although obviously tired, in a final round that had the fans on their feet in support of a champion who had given everything he had.

Herrera put in a last ditch rally, but he too was tired. The pace of the contest had been very hot.

Hope possessed more skills, and while the fans waited anxiously for the scorecards, the champion acted like a man who knew he had done enough to win.

The verdict was unanimous, only the Argentinian judge making it close. Even he, however, voted for the champion. Maurice needed special courage, and Herrera deserves all praise for his part in making it a memorable contest. *RON OLVER*

HEARNS-PRIMERA
WBA Welterweight Title

DETROIT, MICH.—Few took Luis Primera seriously when he arrived in the Murder Capitol of the boxing world. Fortunately for Thomas Hearns, the WBA welterweight champ did bother to get in shape for the long, lean undefeated K.O. specialist from Venezuela. An endurance contest awaited him. The champ won by a K.O. in the sixth.

Hearns entered the ring surrounded by body guards, all uniformed as prohibition-style hoods, modeled after Hearns on *Ring's* December cover. This was, of course, all in fun, and had nothing to do with the far-from-funny death threat against Hearns phoned in to the Kronk Community Center the day before the fight.

Hearns awaited the opening bell with a huge grin, as the crowd of about 9,250 cheered him hysterically. He seemed less intense than usual. Primera, at 6'1", with a physique reminiscent of Carlos Monzon, seemed unimpressed.

At the opening bell, Primera came out with his hands held high. He maintained that high guard throughout the fight. They circled briefly at the beginning of the first. Then the disrespectful challenger began teeing off with wild roundhouse swings. He landed one grazing left hook. Hearns got his jab going. Primera hooked over it. More jabs by the WBA champ. Primera got under them and landed some hooks to the body.

Hearns later admitted hoping for a first round K.O. win. He never came close. This observer gave the round to Luis. Contemptuously, the Venezuelan stood in his corner between the first and second rounds.

Primera came out flat-footed for the second, bobbing his head a lot for protection. He landed a grazing left. Hearns answered

with a combination: a straight right to the body, then a right uppercut to the head, breaking through Luis's guard. This sent Primera to the canvas for a nine-count.

Upon getting off the canvas, Primera charged forward, swinging wildly. Hearns retreated, and Primera managed to survive the round.

In the third, Primera again moved in aggressively. Hearns, now flat-footed, met him with two tremendous left hooks. Primera took them without buckling. The champ pressed his attack. The challenger responded with a long right cross. Hearns now stood back a bit, trying to set up Primera. Primera pretty much held his own, though Hearns was beginning to find openings for his uppercuts.

In the fourth, a grazing left hook caught Hearns off balance, and sent him reeling around the ring. Hearns made a joke of it, and probably wasn't hurt by the blow. This observer gave Primera a slight edge in the round.

Primera was doing pretty well in the fifth round. But Hearns flashed a series of straight rights and right uppercuts. Then a series of lefts to the body. Up came a right to the head. Down went Primera. But the gutsy visitor bounced right up and plowed back in.

In the sixth, the two were fighting pretty evenly. Suddenly, Hearns landed two left hooks to the body. Primera went down. He tried to get up, but the referee, Ismelia Fernandez, from San Juan, Puerto Rico, counted him out.

Primera argued he should be allowed to continue. Later, however, he went to a Detroit hospital to have his ribs checked. The 22-year-old Hearns, at 146½ lbs, having found Primera's head a difficult target, had worn down his 30-year-old foe with body shots. The Hit Man, though rusty from a long layoff, had also proved he could handle a foe almost as tall as he is.

It was another banner night for the Kronk team: Dujuan Johnson upset Miguel Montilla of the Dominican Republic. Montilla entered the ring as the WBC's 10th ranked super lightweight, and the WBA's fourth ranked junior welterweight. Johnson, on a strong finish, won a close but unanimous decision. From the booing it was obvious the fans thought the visitor had won. Johnson's record is now 12-0, Montilla is 42-5.

Kronk middleweight Bill Lee kayoed Jamie Thomas of Louisville in two. Lee's record is now 15-2. Kronk welterweight Danny Paul stopped Mike Hutcherson in the fourth. Paul is now 15-1. Kronk lightweight Forrest Winchester kayoed Louis Self of Toledo in two.

ALLEN ROSENFELD

PRYOR-HART
World Junior Welterweight Title

CINCINNATI, OHIO—My editor told me to get the who, what, when, where and why. Then he gave me a round trip airplane ticket (against his better judgment) and told me to "be sociable out there." That's like telling Vito Antuofermo to "stick and move."

I tried to be sociable, but the Montreal journalists who came to Cincinnati for the fight were not exactly of the raucous, backslapping variety. Why should they have been? They knew—and everybody else did—that their man, a quiet fellow by the name of Gaetan Hart, was going to be knocked out by the world (and, it just so happens, WBA) champ, Aaron "The Hawk" Pryor.

I got all the details. The "who's" were Pryor and Hart. The "what" was a kayo in 0:51 of the sixth by Pryor. The "when" was Saturday, November 22, 1980, and the "where" was the Riverfront Coliseum in Cinci. That brings us to the "why," and I'm still asking that one.

Gaetan Hart is a good club fighter whose distinctive moustache and expression make him look like a supporting character in a Pink Panther cartoon. He's been fighting since 1973, but was retired for a year (1976-77) after his relationship with manager Vern Stevenson went sour. Jean Belleau then became his pilot, and the French Canadian fighter came under the training eye of Guy Malette. Hart's total record is 45-19-3 (including this fight), and his most impressive win—on paper—is a 12-round verdict over Johnny Summerhays in Montreal on December 5, 1978. That was in defense of the Canadian lightweight title—a crown that Hart had won with a unanimous 12-round decision over Cleveland Denny in April, 1978. Denny is the real reason that Hart got the title shot at Pryor—Denny *and* Ralph Racine.

The junior welterweight division is not exactly the hottest weight class in boxing. The two outstanding challengers—excepting WBC champ Saoul Mamby—are probably Lennox Blackmoore of Guyana and Domingo Ayala of Puerto Rico, but neither is liable to draw a million dollar gate—or high Neilson ratings. So what do you do until you can get your champ (Pryor) a shot with one of the big names in the lightweight or welter divisions? If you're a showman, like Don Elbaum, Pryor's "advisor" certainly is (Buddy LaRosa is his manager of record), you look for an "angle" and exploit it. The angles, in this case, were two—Hart's fatal kayo over Denny in their rubber match on the Leonard-Duran card in Montreal, and his near fatal stoppage of Ralph Racine shortly before.

The fight was originally scheduled for Montreal, but the promoter up there, Henry Spritzer, told Elbaum he wouldn't have enough time to promote the show if he had to wait until the new WBA ratings came out (which were then in the process of being "revised" to make room for Hart), thus making Pryor-Hart a "legal" WBA title bout.

Elbaum and his promoters ("backers" might be a more accurate description in this case), MAPS, quickly switched the fight to Cincinnati. Do you remember Harry Richman? They liked him every place but Cincinnati, his hometown. Harry would go walking down the street in Cinci, and the guys would call out, "Yeah, he's still a bum." Aaron Pryor is a similar case. The fans won't turn out to see him just . . . to see him. Not, at least, against the likes of Hart.

It was not a fight one could sell tickets to. At least Don Elbaum couldn't. Only 4,441 people (who shelled out approximately $73,000) showed up in the massive Coliseum. Consider, please, that Pryor was guaranteed $100,000 for the contest, with an additional $35,000 for Hart.

There wasn't even the atmosphere of a championship fight. No tension, and no joking by reporters. Nobody could get "up" for this one. Not even Pryor.

Not that Aaron didn't make a little show of it. He danced around the challenger after entering the ring, flicked out his jab, and just missed Gaetan's face.

Pryor came out like hell on wheels in the first round, but the object seemed to be intimidate Hart instead of score an early knockout. Gaetan countered well in spots, but it was Aaron's round. Lefts, followed by an occasional right hand, won the crouching champ the round.

The second round saw Aaron score a knockdown with a solid left-right. Hart got up, but more of the Champ's lefts and one-two combos set him up for the overhand right that dropped him again.

Hart survived the round, but it was Pryor, Pryor, and more Pryor in the third. At one point, he was laughing at his challenger, who lacked the tools to make any semblance of a fight out of it. Aaron was relying on his right by now, the left hand having done its job in sessions one and two.

Pryor started dancing in round four, and scored with some nice right-left-right combos. But he's not Muhammad Ali, and Hart

tagged him with a good right in this session. Aaron nodded, smiling, acknowledging that he'd been caught. He wasn't hurt, however, and the challenger could tell. It was the Canadian fighter's final (make that "only") stab at glory.

After another big round for the champ in Round Five, Pryor came out in Round Six looking sedate. It looked like it was to be Hart's last frame. It was.

A right hand—just one punch—put Gaetan down, and out, for all intents and purposes. He beat the count, but Pryor was all over him, and referee Roberto Ramirez stopped the bout at 0:51.

Then the Coliseum crew came in and tore the ring apart to get ready for a rock concert—and make some real money.

Don Elbaum has good things in store for Pryor. No more Gaetan Harts; the fights from here on in are big time. Aaron may be on the February 23 MSG "super card," and there are fairly concrete plans for fights with welter superstars.

Hart, thank God, was none the worse for wear. I saw him having breakfast in the Holiday Inn dining room the following morning.

He almost seemed relieved.

Jimmy Blevins, 138¼, Chicago, won unanimous decision over Mike Blunt, 139¼, Dayton, 10. Scoring: judge Milt Conver, 100-86; judge Dick Baker, 100-89; judge Lembert Sloan, 99-87. Billy Means, referee. Blevins is now 15-3-1. Blunt is 13-3.

Milton McCrory, 145¾, Detroit, kayoed James Dixon, 150½, Philadelphia, in 3:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Clarence Nalan, Jr. refereed the massacre. McCrory is now 6-0—all knockouts, five in the first round.

Al (Earthquake) Carter, 138¼, Alliance, Ohio, TKO'd Ray (Ringo) Carrington, also 138¼, Cleveland, at 1:16 of the second in a scheduled eight. Billy Means, referee. Carter is now 21-1—all knockouts. Carrington is 12-10.

Tony Tubbs, 222½ Cincinnati, halted Larry Simms, 216½, Cleveland. Simms could not answer the bell for round four of the scheduled six. Danny Melillo, referee. Tubbs is now 5-0 with four kayoes. Simms is 3-4-1.

Don King, 159¼, Indianapolis ("Not the one being investigated," as Don Elbaum introduced him at the weigh-in), knocked out Steve Woods, 161, Covington, Ky., in 0:45 of the second in a scheduled six. Clarence Nalan, Jr., referee. King is now 3-0 with three knockouts. Woods is 7-4.

Sonny Long, 116¾, Cincinnati, and James Tolliver, 115½, Cleveland, drew, four. Scoring: judges Conver, 39-39; Baker, 39-37, Tolliver; Sloan, 39-37, Long. Both were making their pro debuts.

Timekeeper—Al Stotler.

Knockdwon Timer—Cleveland Green.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Stanley E. Broadnax.

Referee Ramirez and judge Guy Jutras both scored the Pryor-Hart bout 50-45 through five rounds. Judge Allen Daniel had it 50-43. All scores were, of course, in Pryor's favor.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

KENTY-FERNANDEZ
WBA Lightweight Title

DETROIT, MICH.—Vilomar Fernandez entered the ring smiling. He's a boxing genius comparable to physics' Albert Einstein. Vilomar traded punches with Arguello and Duran, and he entered the ring like this was going to be just another gym workout.

Hilmer Kenty, the WBA champ, followed Fernandez into the ring, also smiling and with the crowd of 7,335 in Cobo Hall yelling his name. He walked over to Fernandez's corner and started throwing punches in front of Fernandez's nose. Vilomar just smiled.

They were both in for a lot of fun.

The fight looked like an average Detroit fight involving a Detroit fighter for the first two rounds. Kenty, the aggressor, had Fernandez on the ropes, circling the ring, and dodging punches. A closer look, however, showed what made this fight so different. Fernandez either slipped or blocked most of the punches, showed he could move to the left as well as to the right, and seemed to be going according to plan.

Fernandez changed his rhythm in the third round and began scoring with an effective left hook counter to the body. Kenty later claimed he began having leg problems in this round.

In the fourth, Fernandez, for the first time in the contest, kept the action in the middle of the ring. Kenty threw more punches, but Fernandez landed the more effective ones—particularly to the body.

Fernandez had a good fifth round. Kenty had the edge in the sixth.

The sixth round through the ninth were close. Kenty kept the pressure on, and Fernandez kept moving and countering. When the ninth frame ended, Vilomar was cut on the left temple.

Kenty had good rounds in the 10th and 11th. He started off the 12th in good form, but Fernandez landed a left hook to Hilmer's head and had him in trouble at the close of the session.

In the 13th round, Fernandez sensed that it was time. He attacked, forced Kenty to the ropes, and appeared to have him one punch away from a knockout. Vilomar pushed Hilmer through the ropes, and, when Kenty got back into the ring, he appeared out on his feet with a right leg that wouldn't work. The leg was cramped, and, at the end of the round, Kenty didn't sit on his stool. He stood and had his leg massaged by Emanuel Steward.

Fernandez stormed out for the 14th round, but Kenty fought off the paralyzed leg, countered well, and held Fernandez off.

Kenty's leg problems ended and he closed the show, moving well and punching in the 15th session.

Referee Waldemar Schmidt (Puerto Rico) had it 145-141 for Kenty. Judge Guy Jutras (Montreal) scored it 146-141 for Kenty, and judge Rogelio Perez (Panama) carded 147-141, also for the champion.

Kenty, 135, showed he's a brave champion. Fernandez, 134½, proved that anyone who steps into the ring when he is in it better come to play—or stay out of the sandbox entirely.

Mickey Goodwin, 166, Detroit, knocked out Herman Barrientes, 165, San Antonio, in 1:53 of the third in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Milton McCrory, 146¼, Detroit, kayoed Raul Aguirre, 150, San Antonio, in 2:48 of the first round in their scheduled 10.

Former Olympian Davey Armstrong, 135, Detroit, knocked out Eddie Murray, 136½, Chicago, in 2:48 of the second in a scheduled eight.

Six-rounders: Clinton Harris, 131½, Windsor, Ontario, kayoed Daniel Avery, 127, Santa Monica, Calif., in 0:57 of the fourth round. Benny Ray Trusal, 142, Detroit, knocked out Jeff Foster, 141, Indianapolis, in 2:10 of the first. Victor Callejas, 122½, San Juan, P.R., kayoed Pedro Garcia, 121, San Juan, P.R., in 1:58 of the second.

Promoter—MAPS.

BRIAN SCHIFF

UEHARA-HERNANDEZ
World Junior Lightweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN – Muscular but awkward Yasutsune Uehara, 129¾, retained his WBA world junior lightweight title with a split decision over Leonel Hernandez, 129¼, Venezuela, 15. It was Uehara's first defense and was held in Tokyo's Kuramae Arena.

There were no knockdowns, and the bout was certainly not entertaining. The fighters, in fact, rarely mixed, and some of the fans left before the fight was over.

The Venezuelan challenger, 31, kept circling the ring and jabbing, while the nervous champ just tried to catch him. It was the 200th world championship contest in which a Japanese fighter has taken part, but the lack of action made for one of the worst title fights in history.

Referee Jin-Kook Kim, Korea, and judge Takeshi Shimakawa, Japan, scored the bout 149-147 and 149-146, respectively, for Uehara. Judge Isidro Rodriguez, Venezuela, had it 148-141, in favor of his countryman.

Leonel, an inch and a half shorter than the 5'5" champ, commenced jabbing at top speed from the beginning. The Venezuelan barely threw a right in the entire contest, but he hasn't got much power. Alexis Arguello TKO'd him in eight rounds in 1975; Leonel fought a draw with Alfredo Escalera later that same year, and lost a unanimous decision to Samuel Serrano in 1977. This, then, was his third world title shot—his second for the WBA crown.

The first three rounds saw the contestants feel each other out. In the fourth, Uehara went to work on the midsection with

long rights. Hernandez, though, moved back and forth, averting many of the blows.

The fifth saw Uehara the aggressor, with Hernandez on his bicycle. The champ scored well at times.

The sixth round showed the champions as wild, with Hernandez slipping *all* the punches Uehara threw. Leonel, however, rarely tossed a punch himself.

Hernandez jabbed Uehara in the seventh, but the referee warned him against hitting with the open glove. The Venezuelan judge had Leonel in front at this point, six sessions to one. The referee and Japanese judge, though, both favored Uehara, pointing out that the challenger's punches carried little or no force behind them.

Leonel, moreover, received cautions for his back hand blows—and for hitting with the open glove—on six more occasions.

The eighth frame saw the champ cut loose with roundhouse combinations. He nailed the challenger to the ropes and landed a few right hands to the neck. The clever Venezuelan made good use of his defensive skills, but it was Uehara's round.

The same scene was repeated in the ninth, but this time Leonel ducked well and side stepped. He was not pinned in a corner.

There was little or no action in the 10th round.

Uehara, spurred on by the crowd (which was vociferously booing), tried to swarm over Hernandez in round 11, but the Venezuelan grabbed and held. Both fighters had the same reach—67"—but Hernandez utilized his more. He clinched, and clinched, and . . .

Yasutsune gestured "Come on" to Hernandez, but to no avail. In round 12, he attacked again. Leonel, however, swiftly moved away.

The 13th canto was the only round that neither man took clearly, and Hernandez won it. He caught the stalking champion with a triple left hook, shaking him up for awhile. Uehara immediately fought back, but Hernandez simply clinched.

The last two sessions followed the same old pattern: Uehara hit the air; Hernandez ran away. The people in the vast arena were sorry they came. They might just as well have stayed home and *not* watched it on television.

"I tried to land the right with which I had iced Serrano," said Uehara after the contest's conclusion. "I became too nervous, though, and tried too hard to score a kayo."

"I won all the 15 rounds," said the angry Hernandez. "Was I 'negative?' No! I fought like Muhammad Ali. We (meaning he and his fat manager, Rafit Sedeno) will protest this decision to the WBA."

But, even if the WBA did order them to meet again, who on earth would promote the fight? And who would come to see it?

Uehara is now 27-4 with 21 kayoes. Hernandez is 47-8-1 with 27 knockouts.

Yoshitaka Ikehara, 129½, won a unanimous decision over Uehara stablemate Shiegeyuki Otake, 130. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 100-96; judge Shoji Nakamori, 100-94, judge Takeaki Kanaya, 99-96. Ikehara is now 13-6-1 with four kayoes. Otaka is 8-6 with four knockouts.

Four-rounders: Taijiro Niiyama, 130, won unanimous decision over Shuichi Yamamoto, 129¼. Southpaw Keiji Kawamura and Mitsuaki Kikuchi, 121½, drew. (Kawamura, who is Shigeo Nakajima's sparring partner, got the nod of the officials to proceed to the Novice King tournament finals due to his aggressiveness.) Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, 111½, outpointed Junichi Ota, 111¾. Isao Kimura, 106¼, halted Yuzo Ota, 108, in 1:25 of the first. Promising southpaw Kazuhiro Ikeda, 108, hitherto unbeaten, lost to Takamichi Yamaga, also 108. Yamaga was only in his second pro bout, but he'd had more than 50 amateur contests.

Masaki Kanehira's Kyoei Promotions. Nationally telecast by Nippon TV in Japan. Attendance—7,000.

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

GOMEZ-CERVANTES
World Junior Featherweight Title

MIAMI, FLA.—Wilfredo Gomez, 122, successfully defended his WBC super bantamweight title for the 14th round by scoring an impressive three-round knockout over challenger Jose Cervantes, also 122, Colombia. The title bout took place in the Miami Jai Alai Fronton before an estimated 4,000 fans.

After the fairly even first two rounds, Gomez came out winging in the third, firing right hands that had TNT written on them. Cervantes was moving away near the ropes when Gomez stepped in with a right cross. Jose fell face down on the canvas and was counted out at 1:50 of the session.

It was Gomez's 32nd consecutive knockout. He's now 32-0-1. Wilfredo, who got $250,000 for the seven minute and 50 second workout, is now scheduled to defend his title against Mike Ayala on the February 23 Madison Square Garden "Supercard."

Wilford Scypion nailed Willie Taylor with a right and sent him through the ropes in the fourth round. Taylor smashed his head on the judge's table and was unconscious for five minutes.

Vonzell Johnson was knocked out of the ring in the eighth round by Earnie Barr, Bahamas, but climbed back to take a 10-round verdict.

A stunning upset occured when Ernesto Cabellero, Panama, caught former U.S. Olympian Davey Armstrong with a terrific right uppercut, knocked him out cold in 2:10 of the fourth in a scheduled 10. A half hour later in the dressing room, Armstrong still could not believe that he'd been knocked out.

Four-rounders: Cedero Morano, Cuba, knocked out Tomas Jaramillo, Miami, in 2:10 of the first, lightweights. Dennis Jackson, Puerto Rico, outscored Dennis Walker, Miami.

MAPS. Chris Dundee, co-promoter.

LOUIS ZIPKIN

CHANDLER-SOLIS
World Bantamweight Title

MIAMI, FLORIDA—Jeff Chandler, 118, Philadelphia, used his height advantage and a good left hand to render Julian Solis, also 118, Puerto Rico, helpless, and win the latter's world bantamweight crown.

The highly heralded Chandler stalked the champion from the first round until 1:05 of the 14th, when referee Carlos Berrocal of Panama stopped the bout with Solis on the ropes, defenseless, and the Philadelphia Thin Man scoring with great combos.

Chandler knocked down Solis in the first round with a picture left hook to the chin. The champ suffered a cut over the right eye in the third, and Chandler made it into a target for the remainder of the fight, scoring with left jabs and hooks. With the exception of the second, Chandler pitched a shutout—much to the delight of those who'd made the trip from Philly their man won the title.

Chandler is now 25-0-1. Solis, previously undefeated, is 22-1.

ARGUELLO-RAMIREZ

Former featherweight and WBC junior lightweight champ, Alexis Arguello, 135½, Nicaragua (now residing in Florida), won a split decision over southpaw Jose Ramirez, 135, Mexico, 10. Ramirez, the Mexican lightweight champion, came into the ring with a 48-1 record. He's scored 41 kayoes.

The 21-year-old Ramirez started slowly, and was trailing on points after the fifth. Suddenly, after taking a battering for most of the sixth round, he electrified the crowd by dropping Arguello with a left hook to the jaw. It was the first time in 72 pro fights that the Nicaraguan had been on the canvas.

From then on, it was a nip and tuck affair, and the split verdict for Arguello drew a lot of boos. Referee Bill Conners had it 95-94, Arguello; judge Sam Biller scored it 97-94, Arguello; and judge James Kenon saw it 98-95, Ramirez.

Former WBA junior featherweight champion Ricardo Cardona, 123, Colombia, TKO'd Ralph Barrios, also 123, Colombia, at 1:50 of the first.

Tony Tubbs, 232, Cincinnati, TKO'd John L. Johnson, 208, Tampa, at 2:17 of the first round.

Mariano Escalera, 125, Puerto Rico, won an unpopular decision over Juan Pizarro, 122, Ft. Lauderdale, in a slam bang six-round contest.

Agustin Cabellero, 142, Panama, outscored Juan Panchi, 142¼, Mexico, six.

Prudencio Cardona, 111, Colombia, TKO'd Steve Whetstone, 109, Miami, in 1:50 of the first.

MAPS. Promoter—Sammy Marshall. Matchmaker—Norm Henry. Producers—Chris Dundee and Tuto Zabala.

LOUIS ZIPKIN

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ARIZONA

▲ PHOENIX — Veterans Memorial Coliseum — Arizona welterweight champion "Schoolboy" Jerry Cheatham took a unanimous 10-round decision from Jose Figueroa, a former Mexican middleweight champ whose best years appear to be behind him.

Figueroa, 150, Mexico City, looked all of 31 as he stalked his younger, quicker opponent, shuffling forward and reaching with his left, waiting for opportunities to unload with his right.

But Cheatham, 22, Phoenix, who concede after the fight that his timing was off and that he was bothered by nagging hand and shoulder injuries, nonetheless was able to beat Figueroa to the punch consistently and raise his record to 29-4-1.

Cheatham, who also weighed in at 150, did most of his damage with a left hook, opening cuts above and below Figueroa's right eye in the sixth. A ring doctor examined the gashes after the round but let the bout continue.

Figueroa, who lost his seventh fight in his last eight outings and dropped to 42-9-1, had not won a round through seven, but suddenly rallied to win the eighth and ninth with an aggressive attack to the body.

But Cheatham was never in trouble and came back strong in the 10th, attacking Figueroa with fierce combinations. Cheatham had the Mexican on the ropes and the two were slugging toe-to-toe at the final bell.

It was the third time in the fight that Cheatham had Figueroa hurt and ready to go, and the Arizonan's handlers were disappointed that Cheatham continued to maul and cling to Figueroa when he was on the ropes, instead of stepping back to deliver more blows.

As much as the crowd enjoyed the performance of their local hero, the best fight on the card was the bout between Darrel Stovall, 132½, Phoenix, and Ricardo Jiminez, 133, Los Angeles. Jiminez took a unanimous eight-round decision, but only after the two boxers pounded each other across the ring in a savage war that left no one doubting either's ability to take a punch. Fans showed their appreciation by littering the ring with dollar bills and promoter Steve Eisner announced that Stoval and Jiminez each would get a bonus for their crowd-pleasing effort.

Clarence Howard, 147, Mesa, outpointed Marty Tineo, 148, Tucson, six.

Mario Tineo, 155, Tucson, decisioned Packy Paulson, 153½, Mesa, six. (Split decision; rematch set for next month.)

Robert Anderson, 124, Phoenix, outpointed Frankie Granados, 123, Los Angeles, in 10 of the most boring rounds Phoenix fight fans have ever seen. Anderson clubbed Granados at will, but his punches, according to one ringside observer, "couldn't bust a grape." The pint-sized Granados, on the other hand, landed perhaps five punches in 10 rounds—none of them damaging.

The card was held as a feature event of the Arizona State Fair, and promoter Eisner estimated that as many as 8,000 persons, who paid $3.50 apiece to enter the fairgrounds, saw the fights.

BOB McEWEN

COLORADO

▲ DENVER — Escuela Tlatelolco Auditorium — Denver's Tim Lucero, 132, kept his professional boxing slate unblemished as he ran his count to 5-0 with a six-round unanimous decision over Joaquin Alvarado, El Paso, Texas.

Lucero consistently beat the crouching Alvarado to the punch and was never in trouble, though Joaquin did land a few well directed shots. Lucero continues to impress Denver fans with his ability to take a punch, and to stay calm under pressure. Lucero develops with every fight, and trainers Gonzales and Luna give some of the credit to the quality of opposition that the Colorado Recreation and Boxing Coaches Association has been able to produce for its monthly professional cards.

In the semi-main, Denver fight fans were treated to an exceptional six-round match of boxing skills, as Denver's Ron Cisneros, 112, traded blows with El Paso, Texas' Ricky Cortez, 112. Both young men entered the ring as undefeated professionals, each boasting 3-0 records, but only one emerged with a 4-0 string. Ron Cisneros won the bout going away, as he proved to have too much speed and strength for the lanky Cortez. The only knockdown of the contest was scored by Cisneros in the second round, when Ron faked a left jab and landed a whistling left hook to the temple to put Cortez on his seat for an eight-count that was administered by third man Novar Garcia. Cortez did recuperate and came back to score with body punches, but Cisneros would not let this bout get away from him. He pummeled Cortez with countless straight right hands that secured the unanimous decision. He turned pro only a few months ago.

In what proved to be a rousing match-up, the six-round preliminary bout of the evening saw J.J. Cottrell, 150, Denver, punch Eddie Carrera 147, El Paso, into submission in 2:35 of the third round.

The card was sponsored and promoted by the Colorado Recreation and Boxing Coaches Association, a non-profit organization based in Denver.

JESS GONZALEZ

CONNECTICUT

▲ HARTFORD — Civic Center Assembly Hall — Unbeaten Marlon Starling, 148, Hartford, waltzed to his xth victory in as many fights by scoring a third round TKO over Dave Bolden, 149, Brooklyn, N.Y., in a slated eight-round feature.

The gifted local welter encountered virtuallh no opposition as he pranced round the ring, using his slower opponent for target practice. The crowd of 1,500 saw Starling strike with clusters of left jabs, as many as five in a series with piston-like precision, in the first heat. His two-fisted spurts finally had his flat-footed, awkwardly-stanced rival stunned and helpless when referee Walt Longo stopped the lopsided duel at 2:49 of the third.

Substitute Norberto Figueroa, 142, New York, upset Marcus Starks, 143, Hartford by winning a split decision in a semi-final six. The Bronx boxer wiped out Starks' early spurts in round after round with a combination of body and head shots.

Elliott Aguierre, 159, New York, outpointed Derrick Doughterty, 156, Waterbury in a rugged four-round showstealer that drew cheers and whistles. Dougherty was decked in the second, rose immediatly, shook his head clear, and pitched back into battle.

Sub Ronnie Gibbons, 146, New York, upset local favorite Steve Snow, 149, Holyoke with a TKO in the third after dropping the Bay Stater for a nine count. Steve was cut under the left eye and his nose was bloodied.

Ken Schmidt, 201, Hamden, twice dropped Calvin Langston, 198, Bridgeport enroute to a firstround TKO.

Jorge Vasquez, 127, Brooklyn, twice spilled Antonio Jaminez, 128, New York, and scored a third-round TKO.

▲ WEST HARTFORD — Stage West — Southpaws are poison to a boxer with an orthodox left-leading stance, and, while Papo Figueroa, 143, Hartford puzzled over how to handle Manny Madera, 141, Lowell, Mass., he nevertheless swept the first five rounds enroute to a 10-round decision over the transplanted Puerto Rican.

However, the crowd of close to a 1,000, which had little to cheer up to that point, came alive and was on its feet roaring as Figueroa swept the last two rounds with accelerated attacks. He slit open what proved to be an inch-long surface cut under Manny's right eye in the ninth, sniffing a possible kayo, but his rugged rival survived to the end with a bloodied face and legs skittishly sliding across the canvas. It was Papo's 13th win against one loss. The three officials had him the winner by margins of four to six points on a five-point must system.

Sports Promotions was in a quandary when former heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson failed to show up with three boxers on time, a shuffling of the card producing four bouts instead of five. The three belters were stranded, with Floyd, enroute from New Paltz, N.Y. for lack of a fanbelt. Patterson finally arrived, and a fifth bout was added. Danny Chapman, 147, Troy, N..Y., one of Floyd's trio, proved a surprise package as he dropped Herb Darrity, 144, Hartford, three times to win a six-round nod. Herb thus lost his first bout in five outings to a well-schooled 19-year-old who was in his second pro duel after winning the East Coast Golden Gloves title.

Marcus Jackson, 175, Hartford ran his second to 4-0 with a second round TKO over Ray James, 172, Lowell, in the slated eight-round semi-final. After nearly stopping James in the first, Jackson was tearing his foe apart when referee Sal Maltempo leaped in to halt it with a second to go in the next heat.

Chi Chi Hernandez, 147, Hartford, got the nod in a six-round ring war over Angel Ortiz, 143, Springfield. The split decision so upset Ortiz that he kicked his stool off the apron.

Ray Agar, 129, Hardtord won a six-round decision over an ineffectually aggressive Jose Ruiz, 130, Lowel, Mass.

▲ HARTFORD — Civic Center Coliseum — Welterweight prospect Marlon (Moochie) Starling pitched a near shutout in outscoring Curtis Taylor, 148, Vineland, N.J. to boost his unbeaten mark to 12 victories in as many pro fights. Yet the one-sided scores of the three officials did not reflect the fact that the transplanted Alabaman had provided probably the best test of the local lad's boxing talent. Dropped twice, Taylor not only stood up to Marlon's best shots, he earned Starling's respect; for the latter was content to go 10 rounds for the first time in his pro career.

Referee Sal Maltempo tallied it 49-40 on the state's five-point must system. Judges Duke Lawson and Lou Bogash, respectively, had it 50-43 and 50-39. The *Ring* tabbed it 50-39, with the sixth even. That round was all but given away by "Moochie," who appreciated the fact that his game rival had arisen dazed yet full of fight after the second knockdown in the fifth. Some among Starling's seven kayo victims had quit under similar circumstances.

Backed by a syndicate raising $60,000 to sponsor the Hartford boxer managed by Atty. F. MacBuckley, one of the state's leading criminal lawyers, Starling was lightning quick at 148½. From the start it was apparent Curtis Taylor would be the best foe yet faced by Marcus, and again the latter stepped up his skills another notch. Sample: Stung by a shot early in the second, Starling retaliated with a concerted assault that drove Taylor skidding down the ropes and onto the lower strand, legs sprawled awkwardly.

Former dual champ Emile Griffith got a resounding reception on being introduced as a cornerman in heavyweight Mitchell Green's corner in a prelim. Green, 210, New York City, stopped Johnny Pitts, 211, Vineland, N.J., in the third. The former Golden Gloves champ unleashed a series of hooks and rights to his foe's head, with ref Lou Bogash saving Pitts from further blows.

Former amateur champ Alex Ramos, 154, New York, like Green, scored his second kayo in three weeks by stopping John Davis, 151, New York in the fourth.

Robert Davis, 157, Waterbury opened cuts over, under, and alongside the eyes in stopping Eddie Sanchez, 154, Newark, N.J. in the sixth round. National amateur champ Jeff Stoudemire, 163, Cleveland, knocked out Ron Ayers, 159, Cincinnati, in one.

The live card on the Leonard-Duran rematch drew a crowd of about 9,000.

JOE CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲ HOLLYWOOD — Sportatorium — Johnny Compo, 143, Ft. Lauderdale, upped his record to 13-0 with a hard fought decision over Juan Torrez, 145, Miami, for the South Florida welterweight title.

This was an eight-round bout, and it was nip and tuck all the way. Compo suffered a cut over the right eye due to a butt in the seventh round, but closed strong with overhand rights.

Keely Andrus, 175, Miami, knocked out Willie Albert, 173, Tampa, in 1:40 of the second with a powerful left hook to the body and a right to the chin.

This was on the live show that accompanied the Leonard-Duran closed circuit telecast.

Attendance—9,000.

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▲ CHICAGO — International Amphitheatre — James "Quick" Tillis continued his march to a probable meeting with WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver with a fourth round knockout over Domingo D'Elia in a 12-round elimination bout.

With the winner promised a future shot at Weaver and the title, Tillis, a 23-year-old Chicagoan, and D'Elia, the 28-year-old champion of Argentina, squared off before 7,600 fans. For D'Elia, 210, it was his first fight in the United States, and it was nationally televised over ESPN's cable network.

Though few people here had ever seen D'Elia fight, he came to Chicago ranked third in the world by the WBA and reputed to be a master boxer. Instead, he was slow, plodding, and obviously very tight for his initial fight in this country. Tillis, a fast 205-pounder, used his superior speed and much lateral movement to confuse D'Elia and score well in the first few rounds.

By the fourth, Tillis had taken charge, and D'Elia was missing wildly and paying for those mistakes. "I was quicker and sharper than he was," Tillis said later, "and he was leaping to swing a lot of wild hooks. That opened him up for my left hook." It was a Tillis left hook counter that put D'Elia down in the fourth. He rose at eight, only to be floored two more times in that round. Referee Nate Morgen stopped the contest at 1:40 of the session, after the last knockdown.

Tillis, ranked fifth in the world by the WBA, upped his record to 19-0. D'Elia fell to 23-2-3.

In the co-main event of the evening, former WBA light heavyweight champion Mike Rossman continued his comeback bid with a narrow, split decision win over Chicagoan Luke Capuano.

Rossman, 172, won the 10-rounder with scores of 48-46, 46-45, and 45-45 after staging a big comeback in the last two rounds to seal the victory. Capuano, 176, spurred on by a big home crowd, had battered Rossman in the earlier rounds and raised cuts under both his eyes.

Capuano, whose record fell to 19-3, was in against his first world class fighter. He took the battle to Rossman from the

opening bell, using a potent left hook to the body and the head to hurt Rossman several times early in the fight.

Rossman dominated the last half of the contest, and a fatigued Capuano barely hung on while taking a pounding in the final round. Rossman raised his record to 39-6-3 and kept his title hopes alive.

Despite the rough fight, Rossman praised both referee Stanley Berg and the Illinois officials. "I got a square deal in Chicago," he said, "and this guy (Berg) is one hell of a referee. I met one tough fighter tonight."

In two fights on the undercard, two promising young Chicagoans scored knockout wins. Olympic Trials winner Lee Roy Murphy, 180, scored a second round knockout over Roger Moore, 186, also of Chicago, in a six-round light heavyweight bout. Moore was counted out at 1:22 of the round. Both fighters were making their pro debuts.

Heavyweight Alfonzo Ratliff, 195, stopped Mel Hosey, 222, of Dayton, Ohio, at 1:50 of the fifth round in a scheduled six-rounder. Ratliff is now 4-0, Hosey is 2-6.

Referee Al Preslinger handled the Murphy and Ratliff bouts.

The fights were promoted by Ernie Terrell in conjunction with Top Rank.

AL BERNSTEIN

▲ MOLINE—Wharton Field House—Pedro Acosta, 143½, Sterling, Ill., knocked out Carlos Gonzalez, 142, Chicago, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

Carl Crowley, 162½, Davenport, Iowa, won a unanimous decision over Jeff Madison, 165, Peoria, Ill., eight.

Six-rounders: Charles "Hollywood" Henderson, 176, Indianapolis, won unanimous decision over John Cox, 197, Rockford, Ill. "School Boy" Jimmy Baker, 160, Scottsburg, Ind., TKO'd Felix Sifrientes, 156, Sterling, Ill., in the second. Aki Yamaguchi, 124½, Sterling, Ill., won a split decision over Ney Rubio, 122, Chicago, in a crowd pleaser.

Bob Zessin, 126½, Peoria, Ill., TKO'd Joe Baker, 132, Scottsburg, Ind., in the first round of a scheduled four-rounder.

Referees—Ed Stage, Stanley Berg.
Judges—Jerry Station, Dennis Hughes.
Timekeeper—Erika Terviel.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Ronald Fiscella.
Announcer—Terry Snyder.
Promoter—Jack Cowen.
Attendance—1,454.

▲ BELLEVILLE—Exposition Hall—Jimmy Heair, 145, Memphis, Tenn., kayoed Robert Culp, 151, Memphis, in 2:07 of the second round in the scheduled 10-round main event.

Eight-rounders: Ben Stiff, 140, East St. Louis, Ill., knocked out Simmie Black, 137, Memphis, in 3:00 of the sixth round. Ellis Betts, 160, St. Louis, won unanimous decision over Charles Peterson, 152, Muncie, Ind.

Referees—Myrl Taylor, Ed Moinhan.
Judges—James Naylor, Joe Baillargeon, Bill Kunkle.
Timekeeper—Ed Lang.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Morris Kugler.
Announcer—Art Vollinger.
Promoter—Lou Moeckel.
Attendance—517.

MICHIGAN

▲ DETROIT — Cobo Hall — The Kronk Boxing Club held its second show in its monthly series of boxing promotions. While the regular Kronk stars, WBA champions Thomas Hearns and Hilmer Kenty and contender Mickey Goodwin were on hand, they were there to watch the newest Kronk "superstar" at work.

Milton McCrory, the sensational young welterweight who so much resembles Thomas Hearns in his appearance and style, headlined the card and ran his record to 4-0 with his fourth straight one round knockout—over outgunned William Hodges, now 3-1, from Cleveland.

Middleweight Duane Thomas, now 9-0, also joined in with a first round knockout over Randy Jackson of Columbus, Ohio.

Welterweight Lanny "Blue" Edmonds rebounded from a previous loss to win a six round decision over Chicago's Dominic Fox. This gives Edmonds, a flashy fighter, a 2-1 record.

The two Trusel brothers from Kronk both did very well. Rodney Trusel scored a first round knockout over Billy Shane of Chicago, and his brother, Benny Ray Trusel, won a unanimous four-round decision over Mike Senegal of Lake Charles, Louisiana. Both of the Trusels are welterweights.

Lightweight Jimmy Paul scored a fifth round technical knockout over Ken Reid of Chicago in their bout, and the rugged little welterweight from Taylor, Michigan, Joe Lile, scored a third round TKO over Greg Harper of Columbus, Ohio. This was Lile's second pro fight; he's won both of them.

▲ DETROIT — Michigan State Fairgrounds — In his roughest fight to date, undefeated middleweight Bernard "Superbad" Mays showed why Emanuel Steward once said that he may be one of the best middleweights around by making it 10-0 with a unanimous 10-round decision over Cliff "Sugar" Willis. It was a crowd pleasing performance by Mays, who took just about every round but was unable to put away the wiley veteran Willis, now 40-13.

The eight-round co-feature bout between light heavyweights Lemuel McLittle of Detroit and Cincinnati's Mike Harding left the fans a little upset by the decision, which left McLittle undefeated at 6-0 and Mike Harding at 7-4. It was a rough struggle all the way for McLittle, who survived a fourth round knockdown to win a very tight 75-74, 77-76, 77-76 decision only because Harding had a point taken away from him in the seventh and again in the eighth. He had been hitting low consistently during the bout. McLittle didn't win the fight; Harding lost it.

Both the Mays-Willis fight and the McLittle-Harding fights were refereed by none other than Len "Stinger" Hutchins.

In a quick middleweight bout, Leslie "Sweet Lemonade" Gardner scored a one round knockout over Terry Gaines, 5-4. Gardner's record is now 16-1.

Andre Wynn won an excellent four-round unanimous decision over Ohio's Jerry Strickland. Strickland, who once fought WBA welterweight champion Thomas Hearns, saw his record drop to 19-3 as Wynn, now 4-1, put him on the canvas once in the second and two more times in the third.

Upcoming Jerome Kinney of Detroit won his third straight without a loss as he dropped Larry Johnson, Cincinnati, two times before the bout was stopped, giving him a three round TKO.

Taylor, Michigan's scrappy welterweight, Joe Lile, opened the program with his third straight win over Cincinnati's Ron Hayes, via first round technical knockout. Hayes' record drops to 4-3.

Champion Productions. Chuck Davis, promoter.

▲ DETROIT — Michigan State Fairgrounds Coliseum — Bernard "Super Bad" Mays, the very promising young Detroit middleweight, won his 11th straight fight before a very sparse crowd when he easily did away with Tonce Orete, 12-3, Phoenix, Arizona, by a three-round technical knockout. The badly outclassed Orete hit the canvas twice in the first, once in the second, and twice in the third before referee Len "Stinger" Hutchins stopped the bout.

In the real crowd pleaser of the night and the co-featured bout, Detroit's Leslie "Sweet Lemonade" Gardner, 19-1, won a rough 10-round decision over Ernie "Bulla" Davis, 10-4, of Toledo, Ohio, in a well fought middleweight bout.

Lem McLittle, 7-0, a Detroit light heavyweight, won an easy eight-round decision over Flint, Michigan's Billy Hollis, 5-3.

The remainder of the card had Detroit fighters easily handling some very poor calibre fighters out of Cincinnati, Ohio. It was obvious they did not want to box. It bothers you to see young fighters in the ring that look like they just walked in off the streets and don't know how to box.

In a welterweight fight, the very fine looking young Detroit fighter, Andre Wynn ran his record to 5-1 with a two-round knockout over Percy McCalley of Cincinnati, Ohio, 1-2. Wynn is a very agressive young fighter, an excellent boxer with a good solid punch. His only defeat came at the hands of the undefeated DuJuan Johnson in only his fourth fight. Johnson, by rights, is a more experienced fighter and a main eventer. With a little more experience under Wynn's belt it may have been the other way around.

In a lightweight bout, Joe Lile, 4-0, of Detroit scored a one round knockout over Cincinnati's Tony Kirkland, 0-1.

Welterweight Jerome Kinney, Detroit, Michigan, turned in a one-round knockout over Gary Stallworth of Cincinnati. Kinney is now 4-0.

Obi "The Exterminator" Eddy of Inkster, Michigan ran his record to 2-1 with a one-round knockout over Kenny Rankins, 1-2, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

This was the first in a series of Professional Boxing events that will be sponsored by Simone Promotions.

DAVE HARTOON

MINNESOTA

▲ ST. PAUL — Prom Ballroom — Popular Bob (Iceman) Coolidge, 162, Foley, Minn., won a unanimous decision over tough Charlie Peterson, 158, Muncie, Ind., in the eight-round main event. The southpaw middleweights had fought a draw a year ago in Omaha.

Coolidge had Peterson in trouble on several occasions, but the Muncie fighter fought his way out every time. The Iceman scored heavily with short hooks to the body and uppercuts to the head. Beezer Benson refereed.

Brian Brunette, 160, St. Paul, halted mismatched Darrell Miller, 159, Council Bluffs, Iowa, at 2:06 of the second round in a scheduled six-round semi-final. George Reiter, Jr., referee.

Another scheduled six-round bout saw Rick Nelson, 179, St. Paul, knock out Jim Hearn, 175, Omaha, in 2:20 of the third round. Mert Herrick, referee.

Paul Johnson, 160, St. Paul, won a unanimous decision over Rich Zavalla, also 160, Omaha, four. Mert Herrick, referee.

Larry Puchta, 155, Minneapolis, TKO'd Wayne Grant, 157, Omaha. Grant suffered a severe cut near his eye and the ring physician, Dr. Leroy Fox, stopped the contest between rounds. This reporter had Grant way ahead in points up to the time of the cut. George Reiter, Jr.

Timekeeper—Mike Thomas.
Knockdown Timer—Bob Andrich.
Attendance—1,000. Gross—$10,500.

DAVE BLOOMBERG

NEVADA

▲ LAS VEGAS — "Irish" Leroy Haley, 140, returned to the ring after an 11-month lay-off and took a unanimous 12-round decision over Rocky Ramon, 137, for the Nevada State Jr. Welterweight Championship.

The bout was the main event at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

The fighters pounded on each other for the full 12 rounds, but Haley was easily the winner.

Haley was staggered late in the sixth round by Ramon's crushing left hook to the jaw. But he survived the punch, and was never in trouble for the remainder of the bout. Ramon landed several solid punches, but Haley countered constantly with his own crushing combinations.

Scoring was: Judge Dave Moretti, 119-110; Judges Charles Minker and Alan Adler, both 118-110, for Haley. Referee: Dave Pearl.

In a six-round semi-main, Ron Draper, 206, scored a unanimous decision over Tom Landry, 200.

Draper used his ring savvy and an effective body attack to keep the shorter Landry outside throughout the fight. Scoring was: Judge Alan Adler, 59-56; Judges Dave Moretti and Charles Minker, both 58-56. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

A welterweight four-rounder ended in a draw between Roberto Lopez, 147, and Steve Johnson, 150. Johnson was down briefly in the first round, but came on as the aggressor for the remainder of the bout. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

In the card opener, scheduled for four, Alfonso Cerillos, 131, kayoed Umberto Balloc, 132, at 52 seconds of the third round. The K.O. came by way of a short right hook. Referee: Dave Pearl.

Attendance—365. Gross—$3,495.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Ricardo Jiminez came off the canvas in the third round to score a knockout over Jose Louis Piceno at 1:48 of the fourth round in their main event at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

Jiminez, 134, was taking the fight to Piceno in the first two rounds and knocked him down early in the third. But Piceno, 135, got to his feet and sent Jiminez to the canvas with a lethal left hook.

It was toe-to-toe for the remainder of the round. The fighters continued to bang at each other in the fourth until Jiminez landed an overhand right that sent Piceno down for the count and almost out of the ring. Referee: Richard Green.

In a companion 10-rounder, Juan Dominguez scored a unanimous decision over Jaime Nava.

Both fighters, at 135, slugged away throughout the action-packed bout. Dominguez enjoyed a four inch height and reach advantage, and overcame the problems his opponent gave him by fighting inside. Scoring was: judge Dalby Shirley, 99-91; judges Harold Buck and Jerry Roth, both 97-93—all for Dominguez. Referee: Joe Curtis.

A four-round prelim ended in a draw between Nestor Pinango, 142, and Joe Bahash, 141.

Bahash, in his first pro fight, was overwhelmed in the early rounds; but came on in the last two frames to pile up the points. Scoring was: judges Dalby Shirley and Harold Buck, both 38-38; and Jerry Roth, 39-37. Referee: Joe Curtis.

In a four-round card opener, Wayne Walker, 145, was awarded a TKO when opponent Hector Jiminez, 143, was unable to answer the bell for the third round.

Jiminez suffered a broken nose in the second round, and the fight was stopped by the ring physician, Dr. Donald Romeo. Referee: Richard Green.

Attendance—342. Gross—$2,763.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Three impressive knockouts gave boxing fans a field day at the Silver Slipper Strip Fight of the Week.

In the main event, scheduled for 10, Mario Chavez, 118, kayoed Marcelo Camacho, 116, at 2:40 of the sixth round.

Camacho displayed a solid counter attack and an uncanny ability to take a punch, but he was still no match for the more experienced Chavez.

Chavez began landing body punches early in the sixth round, and two solid left hooks to the body and jaw proved to be Camacho's undoing. Referee: John Worth.

In a scheduled six-round semi-main, Chris Schwenke, 175, knocked out Jose Rivera, 172, in 2:34 of the first round. A straight left right to the mid-section finished Rivera before he could unload any punches of his own. Referee: Dave Pearl.

Another scheduled six-rounder ended at 2:25 of the fourth round, when Ronnie Romero, 134, stopped Rudy Mata, 135. Romero was landing with both hands, and Mata showed no signs of fighting back when referee Dave Pearl stopped the bout.

In the only fight to go the distance, Manase Tuakoi, 157, took a unanimous four-round decision over Bruce Gordon, 154. It was the pro debut for both fighters.

Tuakoi completely dominated the bout, and came away with a near shutout in the scoring. Judges Dalby Shirley and Dutch Ullmer scored 40-36 for Tuakoi, while Judge Bob Martin saw it 39-37 for the 19-year-old Samoan. Referee: John Worth.

Attendance—372. Gross—$3,565.

▲ LAS VEGAS — 18 was an unlucky number for little Johnny Carter, who sustained his first loss in a previously unbeaten streak of 17 straight wins.

Carter, 122, lost by split decision to tough Sergio Castro, 122, Pomona, Calif.

Castro was the aggressor all the way, giving Carter little chance to do more than counterpunch. Carter came on stronger in the late rounds, but was unable to offset Castro's

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Gerry Cooney (N.Y.)
2. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
3. Leon Spinks (Mo.)
4. Greg Page (Ky.)
5. Marty Monroe (Calif.)
6. Ken Norton (Calif.)
7. John Tate (Tenn.)
8. James Tillis (Ill.)
9. Stan Ward (Calif.)
10. Renaldo Snipes (N.Y.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Jerry Martin (Pa.)
1. Michael Spinks (Mo.)
2. James Scott (N.J.)
3. Marvin Johnson (Ind.)
4. Carlos DeLeon (P.R.)
5. Marvin Camel (Mont.)
6. Mike Rossman (N.J.)
7. Murray Sutherland (Mich.)
8. Jesse Burnett (Calif.)
9. Yaqui Lopez (Calif.)
10. Bashiru Ali (Calif.)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Vito Antuofermo (N.Y.)
2. Dwight Davison (Mich.)
3. Curtis Parker (Pa.)
4. Wilford Scypion (N.Y.)
5. Ernie Singletary (Pa.)
6. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
7. Frank Fletcher (Pa.)
8. Sammy NeSmith (Ind.)
8. Ray Seales (Wash.)
10. Vinnie Curto (Mass.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Rocky Mosley, Jr. (Nev.)
1. Tony Chiaverini (Mo.)
2. Jerry Cheatham (Ariz.)
3. Nino Gonzalez (N.J.)
4. Roger Leonard (Md.)
5. Steve Delgado (Ariz.)
6. Tyrone Rackley (Ariz.)
7. Zeferino Gonzalez (Calif.)
8. Tony Ayala, Jr. (Tex.)
9. Nick Ortiz (P.R.)
10. Babs McCarthy (Calif.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Wilfred Benitez (P.R.)
1. Pete Ranzany (Calif.)
2. Randy Shields (Calif.)
3. Adolfo Viruet (N.J.)
4. Pepe Dominguez (Calif.)
5. Greg Stephens (Calif.)
6. Clint Jackson (Tenn.)
7. Manuel Jiminez (P.R.)
8. Luis Resto (N.Y.)
9. Johnny Turner (N.Y.)
10. Larry Bonds (Colo.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Willie Rodriguez (Pa.)
1. Esteban DeJesus (P.R.)
2. Bruce Curry (Texas)
3. Monroe Brooks (Calif.)
4. Domingo Ayala (P.R.)
5. Sal Lopez (Calif.)
6. Dujuan Johnson (Mich.)
7. Mark Ibanez (Hawaii)
8. Termite Watkins (Texas)
9. Johnny Bumphus (Tenn.)
10. Larry Stanton (N.Y.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Howard Davis, Jr. (N.Y.)
1. Edwin Viruet (P.R.)
2. Sean O'Grady (Okla.)
3. Herman Montes (Calif.)
4. Johnny Lira (Ill.)
5. Jorge Morales (P.R.)
6. Gonzallo Montellano (Calif.)
7. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
8. Ray Mancini (Ohio)
9. Robert Rucker (N.Y.)
10. Curtis Harris (N.J.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Samuel Serrano (P.R.)
2. Bobby Chacon (Calif.)
3. Frankie Baltazar (Calif.)
4. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
5. John Verderosa (N.Y.)
6. Robert Mullens (S.C.)
7. Greg Coverson (Mich.)
8. Ernest Bing (N.J.)
9. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
10. Johnny Sato (Calif.)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Ruben Castillo (Calif.)
1. Rocky Lockridge (N.J.)
2. Juan LaPorte (N.Y.)
3. Alberto Collazo (Pa.)
4. Noel Arriesgado (Hawaii)
5. Jose Caba (Calif.)
6. Abdul Bey (Hawaii)
7. Warren Matthews (La.)
8. Rocky Garcia (Calif.)
9. Juan (Kid) Meza (Calif.)
10. Freddie Roach (Ariz.)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Mike Ayala (N.Y.)
1. Nicky Perez (Ariz.)
2. Carmelo Negron (N.Y.)
3. Edwin Rosario (P.R.)
4. Jaime Garza (Calif.)
5. Derrik Holmes (Md.)
6. Frankie Duarte (Calif.)
7. Javier Flores (Utah)
8. Earl Large (Ariz.)
9. Richard Savala (Calif.)
10. Melvin Johnson (Calif.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Alberto Davila (Calif.)
2. Julian Solis (P.R.)
3. Oscar Muniz (Calif.)
4. Johnny Carter (Pa.)
5. Andres Hernandez (P.R.)
6. Ricardo Varela (Calif.)
7. Mario Chavez (Calif.)
8. Fred Jackson (Tex.)
9. David Capo (P.R.)
10. Luis Rosario (P.R.)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship Vacant
1. Joey Olivo (Calif.)
2. Orlando Maldonado (P.R.)
3. Willie Jenson (Nev.)
4. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
5. Javier Mendoza (Calif.)
6. Mike Stuart (Calif.)
7. Alonso Gonzales (Calif.)
8. Jose Ortiz (P.R.)
9. Norberto Castellano
10. Candy Iglesias (Ariz.)

Larry Holmes (Pa.), world heavyweight champion; Mike Weaver (Calif.), WBA heavyweight champion; Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pa.), world light heavyweight champion; Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (N.Y.), WBA light heavyweight champion; Marvin Hagler (Mass.), world middleweight champion; Ray Leonard (Md.), world welterweight champion; Thomas Hearns (Mich.), WBA welterweight champion; Aaron Pryor (Ohio), world junior welterweight champion; Saoul Mamby (N.Y.), WBC junior welterweight champion; Hilmer Kenty (Mich.), WBA lightweight champion; Wilfredo Gomez (P.R.), world junior featherweight champion; Jeff Chandler (P.A.), world bantamweight champion.

earlier lead.

Carter, who is used to quick and easy victories, was baffled by the strength and skills of Castro, and this obviously offset his planned ring strategy. Carter was further weakened by a quick two-pound weight loss in order to make the required super bantamweight limit.

Judge Larry Clark awarded the fight to Carter, 96-94, but Judge Lou Tabat scored 96-94, and Harold Buck 97-93, both for Castro. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

In a scheduled 10-round companion bout, Hedgemon Robertson, 140, swarmed all over Jesus Delgado, 137; and scored an impressive kayo victory at 1:45 of the second round. Delgado went to the canvas seconds into the round, but got to his feet—only to be kayoed by the second and final knockdown. Referee: John Worth.

A junior welterweight prelim, scheduled for six, ended at 1:04 of the first round, as Darrell Stovall, 135, Phoenix, Arizona, took all the starch out of "Sugar Ray" Grant, 137, Las Vegas. A quick left-right combination proved Grant's undoing, as he hit the canvas before he was able to offer a defense. Referee: Ferd Hernandez.

A scheduled four-round bout of junior welters ended at 1:34 of the fourth, as Nestor Pinango, 143, Las Vegas, sent opponent Larry Yazzie, 143, to the canvas and through the ropes for a final round knockout. Referee: John Worth.

Attendance—259. Gross—$3,235.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Jody Ballard, Muhammad Ali's sparring partner, went from sparring to fighting in the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

But the results were disastrous for the 203-pound Ballard, who suffered a 10th round TKO at the fists of Randy Mack, 218.

Mack, who has an unorthodox southpaw style, sent Ballard to the canvas in the first round with a strong straight left. Ballard got to his feet, but never really got into the fight. He was totally ineffective against the determined Mack, who wore his opponent down completely.

Referee Carlos Padilla stopped the fight at 2:59 of the 10th round.

In a 10-round semi-main, Pablo Ramos, 176, took a split decision over Rudy Robles, 173.

Ramos had his opponent in the corner several times throughout the fight, and Robles suffered a severe pounding throughout the bout.

Judge Dutch Ulmer awarded the fight to Robles, however, with a score of 96-94. But judge Lou Tabat saw it 98-91 for Ramos, and Charles Minker scored a closer 96-93, also for Ramos. Referee: Richard Green.

In a welterweight bout, scheduled for eight, feisty Pete Seward, 148, scored a TKO over Jerry Martinez, 145, at 1:58 of the fourth round. Martinez was unable to cope with Sewards aggressive style, and was down in the fourth round before the fight was stopped by referee Richard Green.

The card opener, scheduled for six, ended at 46 seconds of the second round, when "Kid" Sterling McPhearson, 136½, scored a TKO over Rene Mejias, 136. Majias was staggered by McPhearson's combinations, and referee Carlos Padilla stopped the bout.

Attendance—421. Gross—$5,751.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Rocky Mosley, Jr., 154, regained the North American Boxing Federation championship with a disputed unanimous decision over Steve Delgado, 153.

The 12-round bout was the main event at the Showboat Hotel's monthly Fight Night.

Delgado held and grabbed for most of the fight, and was penalized a point for holding in the fifth. Mosley, meanwhile, was hampered by a cut under his left eye, sustained in the first round. The cut bled to the end, but Mosley survived the 12 rounds to take the decision. Scoring was: Judge Duane Ford 114-113; judges Hal Miller and Dalby Shirley, both 11-7-110—all for Mosley. Referee: Joe Curtis.

In a second 12-round bout for the United States super bantamweight title, Nicky Perez, 122, took a split decision over Ricardo Varela, 120½.

Perez was on the attack for most of the bout, but Varela packed more dynamite in his southpaw punches. Varela had Perez backing away in the fifth round, and shook him in the sixth with a straight left-right hook combination.

Varela appeared to get stronger from that point on, and Perez showed signs of tiring. Most of the fans thought Varela had won the fight, but Perez's punches in the early rounds gained him the split decision. Scoring was Judge Hal Miller, 115-114, Perez; Duane Ford, 114-113, Perez; and Dalby Shirley, 115-111, Varela. Referee: Carlos Padilla.

In a 10-round elimination bout for the Nevada State middleweight title, Robby Epps scored a sixth round TKO over Sugar Ray Phillips.

The talented Epps far outclassed his opponent, although he suffered from a cut over his left eye. Epps sent Phillips down in the fifth round, but Sugar Ray got to his feet by the count of eight. Phillips went down again in the sixth, when the fight was stopped at 2:47 by referee Joe Curtis.

Attendance—791. Gross—$9,915.

SHIRLEY NORMAN

NEW JERSEY

▲ ATLANTIC CITY — Resorts International Hotel Casino — The record will only show that Dwight Braxton won the ESPN cable-TV national light heavyweight championship with a sixth round TKO over Tony Mesoraca. This, however, was one for the unabashed violence freaks among us. It was for those who enjoy slug over science, in other words, a fight not a boxing match, admittedly a onesided one.

Both men walked into each other at the sound of the opening bell and started to trade punches with little or no regard for their personal safety. In a fight like this, the harder puncher, as long as his chin is reasonably sound, will nearly always emerge victorious. Braxton has twice the power of Mesoraca and the only surprise was that Tony never hit the deck.

Braxton, a pound lighter at 172½, loaded up with his left hook and crashed it repeatedly against Mesoraca's head. Tony took the punishment remarkably well and punched back gamely.

The effort of his all-out attack had Braxton breathing hard in the fourth and Mesoraca looked momentarily like he might spring an upset. He backed Dwight into the ropes and put over some clean blows. Tony's success was short lived and, once again, Braxton took over in the fifth.

Brave Mesoraca soaked up a terrible amount of punishment in the sixth as Braxton, finding his second wind, scored with ripping uppercuts along with his hook. Tony was rocked and jarred about, but his legs and heart kept him up.

Mesoraca stayed on his stool at the bell for the seventh round, giving Braxton a sixth-round TKO under New Jersey rules. The winner ran his pro record to 11-1-1, with seven kayoes, and will now take ESPN's option to meet a rated contender for a purse of $10,000.

Mesoraca, who boxes out of Turnersville, N.J., put up a much better fight than expected. His log dropped to 9-2, with eight quick wins.

Braxton is the second Philadelphian to win a national ESPN title. He joins Frank "The Animal" Fletcher, who grabbed the middleweight crown at Resorts earlier this season.

In another bombs-away thriller, Kevin "Bo" Perry smashed fellow Philadelphian Buster Drayton into a third round TKO defeat to take the ESPN Mid-Atlantic junior middleweight belt.

Perry, a typical Philly knockout artist, told me before the bout that he wasn't worried about traveling the 10-round distance for the first time in his budding career. "It ain't going no 10 rounds," he snorted. How right he was.

Little time was wasted as this undefeated duo tore into each other. Perry, 155, opened by slamming a series of shots to the body and then went upstairs. A left hook to the chin dropped Drayton for an eight-count. Buster beat the count and survived the round.

Drayton bounced back, making good use of his hand speed in the second. He got the better of several toe-to-toe exchanges, although the few shots Perry landed carried more steam.

Another left hook to the jaw dumped Drayton early in the third. Perry's power had taken complete control. When a flurry of head blows floored Drayton once more, referee John Fitzpatrick wisely called a halt at 2:54.

Perry, 6-0, with five kayoes, will continue on in the tourney, leaving Drayton, 7-1-2, five kayoes, to lick his wounds.

Exciting young featherweight Myron Taylor blasted out New Yorker Jose Figueroa in 2:35 for a first round TKO. Taylor, 126½, is now 4-0, with all of his wins coming inside the distance. He will enter the tournament next month and seems sure to do well. Figueroa, 125, never knew what hit him.

Mike Frazier, Perry's Juniper Gym stablemate, scored a third round TKO over Upper Darby's Ken "The Hatchet Man" Carpenter. Frazier, 130½, outboxed Carpenter, 128, behind his left jab, forcing a stoppage when he opened a gash on Ken's skull.

Carpenter wears a mohawk haircut and has been cut on the shaven portion of his head in his last two fights (with losing efforts). The mixture of blood, skin and hair makes him look like's been scalped.

Carl Veal, 151¼, Phila., decisioned debuting Sonny Cooper, 156, Phil., for his first win after seven defeats, and wild Rashid Latif, 180, scored a first-round TKO over reluctant Dennis Brown, 173, in another all-Philadelphian matchup.

The card, held in Resorts' Superstar Theatre, was put together for ESPN and Top Rank by Russell Peltz.

Referees—John Fitzpatrick and Ronny Burns.

Judges—Ted Larve and Percy Richardson.

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ TOTOWA — Ice World — Scott Frank and Tony "Torito" Ayala scored early round kayoes and Guy Kennedy won by decision in the three main contests of the evening.

Frank, 212, Oakland, N.J., stopped Randy Willis, 268, North Carolina, with a right cross in 1:15 of round one. It was Frank's 13th straight win — against no losses — and his 10th kayo.

Young Tony (Torito) Ayala, 154, San Antonio, Texas, appears to be as good as any junior middleweight in the world at the age of 17. He kayoed Lester Groves, 153, Memphis, Tenn., with a solid right in 0:59 of the second canto. Tony is now 6-0 as a professional with five knockouts. He's a slugger with the methodical style and confidence of a Duran.

Once defeated Guy Kennedy, 162, Bronx, New York, a boxer with an excellent left jab, was forced to trade punches with aggressive Marciano Bernardi, 163, Paterson, N.J. Guy was successful at it, taking a clear verdict after 10.

Rich Hamlisch, 158, Belleville, N.J., TKO'd Ralph Dumont, Boston, Mass., at 2:06 of round two after dropping him with a solid left hook. James Green, 151, Irvington, N.J., kayoed Abel Santiago, 147, Allentown, Pa., with a right uppercut at 1:58 of round one. Dennis Mulligan, 151, Emerson, N.J., stopped Tony Barnes, 156, Newark, N.J., at 1:40 of round two. Diego Rosario, 120, Paterson, N.J., stopped game but outclassed Edwin Santiago, 117, Hoboken, N.J., at 1:58 of round five. Felix Castillo, 116, San Antonia, Texas, outscored tough Timmy Daniels, 121, Trenton, N.J., in a six-round battle of southpaws.

ESPN covered the bout with Duane Bobick and Sal Marciano at the mike. New Jersey State Commissioner Jersey Joe

Walcott was in attendance, as were former New York Yankee pitcher Ed Lopat, Rocky Lockridge, and Davey Moore. Another successful Duva promotion.

Referees—Larry Hazzard, Tony Perez.

Judges—Bill Kostrob, Paul Cavalier.

S. MARTIN FELDMAN

NEW YORK

▲ NEW YORK CITY — Felt Forum — John "The Heat" Verderosa, 134, Staten Island, stretched his record to 14-0, with 10 kayoes, with an easy seventh round TKO over Felix Perez, also 134, the Bronx.

Verderosa, who entered the ring with a nasty abrasion on his right cheek—the result of an infection—won every round and finally nailed his man with one good punch in the seventh. Referee Joe Santarpia stepped in moments later—at 1:04 of the canto—with Perez being pasted to a fare-thee-well.

The scheduled 10-rounder dropped Perez to 15-3-2 with seven knockouts.

The 10-round co-feature saw Cocoa Sanchez, 134, Santo Domingo, D.R., win a majority decision over Marco Barahona, 137½, Nicaragua.

Sanchez landed almost all the heavy punches, and had Barahona—inactive since his 10-round loss to Pete Padilla in the Forum 10 months earlier—missing. Cocoa cut Marco above the left eye in the last round and rocked him with an overhand right.

Referee Joe Cortez scored it 7-2-1, Sanchez; Judge Eva Shain had it 7-3, Sanchez; and judge Bernie Friedkin had it a surprising draw, 5-5 in rounds and points. Sanchez is now 26-6-2, with seven kayoes. Barahona is 12-3-1 with three knockouts.

Six-rounders: Pipino Oquendo, 125, Bronx, TKO'd Adonis Torres, Jr., 127, Bronx, in the second, referee Vinnie Ferguson stopping the contest at 1:32 of the session after Torres had been down. Mark Medel, 152¼, Jersey City, knocked out Ricky Johnson, 149, St. Albans, Queens, who took referee Ferguson's "10" on one knee at 0:41 of the second. Harold Rice, 250, Somers, Conn., and Robert Evans, 206, Jersey City, drew. Scoring: referee Ferguson, 3-3; judge Friedkin, 4-1-1, Rice; judge Shain, 3-3.

Fours: Kerry Judge, 215, Warminster, Pa., won a unanimous decision over King Edward Range, 193, Bronx. Referee Joe Cortez and the judges all had Judge pitching a shutout, with the ref giving Kerry an extra point in round two. Mark McPherson, 151, New York, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous (4-0 on all three cards) decision over Carl Wilson, also 151, New York. Joe Santarpia, referee. Wilson is now 1-1.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Attendence—1,637. Gross—$16,054.53.

▲ NEW YORK CITY — Madison Square Garden — Three scheduled 10-round bouts supported the closed circuit telecast of the Sugar Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran farce from New Orleans.

The first one saw Steve Gregory, 152, Columbus, Ohio, win a disputed majority decision over Pat Hallacy, 149, Wichita Kansas. Scoring: referee Luis Rivera, 5-4-1; judge Artie Aidala, 5-5; judge Al Reid, 6-4. That makes two heart breakers in a row for Hallacy, who got only a draw with Johnny Turner in the Garden on October 2nd. That was on the program that supported the closed circuit telecast of Holmes-Ali—another rip-off.

The second bout—the best one of the night—saw Bayonne, New Jersey's Mike (Nino) Gonzalez, 152½, come from behind to score a great one-punch (effectively) kayo over Luis Resto, 153, New York, in 1:13 of the ninth.

Gonzalez had let Resto "be first" too often, and he needed to knock Luis out to win. Nino looked like he was intimidated by fighting in the Garden, and needed to be woken up. Between the eighth and ninth sessions, he got it. "It" was the realization that he, "Ni-no," was going to lose.

A right hand stunned Resto and caused him to move back into the ropes. A second right hand set him up and—bang. A great right knocked him O-U-T. Resto landed on the canvas with a dull thud and lay motionless and senseless—as ref Vinnie Rainone tolled the 10-count.

Nino is now 19-1 with 11 kayoes. Resto, who could have finished Gonzalez if he'd had the punch, is 14-5-2 with five knockouts.

The third contest had Syria's Mustafa Hamsho, 164, win a shutout unanimous decision over tough old buzzard Rudy Robles, 164½, Longdale, California. Robles would have been good for the weekly TV shows of the 1950s. He can take it and knows every trick in the book when it comes to "staying in there." All three cards read 10-0, with referee Tony Perez giving Hamsho two points for the second round.

Hamsho is now 29-2-2 with 18 kayoes. Robles is 39-13-1 with 16 knockouts.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Frank Folk.

▲ NEW YORK CITY — Felt Forum — A Thanksgiving weekend card — put together by new Garden assistant matchmaker Harold Weston, Jr. — had eight contests, many of them pleasing fights and interesting pairings.

Consider the main event — Enrique Sanchez, the WBC's 10th ranked bantamweight, against Angel Marrero, a six-round fighter with a 4-2-1 record. Not much on paper, but in the ring — quite a bout.

Not that the fight was close. Referee Joe Cortez had it 7-2-1, judge Harold Lederman saw it 6-3-1, and judge John J. Mascio had it 8-2, all in favor of Enrique. It's just that the determined Angel, for whatever reason, put up quite a battle.

Sanchez is a polished fighter and a well coordinated athlete. He gave Marrero a nice pasting in the first round till he stunned the Angel with a combo. At that moment, though, Marrero shot over a right that dropped the 15-2-1 Dominican on the seat of his trunks. The rest of the fight was mostly Sanchez, but Marrero punched back hardest when he was in the most trouble. It was a worthwhile bout.

Both fighters weighed 118½. Marrero fights out of Bethlehem, Pa.

A fine co-feature 10 saw Marvin Jenkins, 144½, Harlem, New York, use his left hand to hit Ruby "The Snake" Ortiz, 145½, Salinas, Puerto Rico, with comparative ease. Ruby, an unorthodox fighter if, indeed, there ever was one, found himself wide open for the well schooled Jenkins, who switched over to quick combos as the fight continued.

Referee Joe Cortez scored the fight a 4-4-2 draw (What fight was he watching); judge Lederman had it 6-3-1, and judge Maschio 7-1-2. Jenkins, then, had to settle for a "majority decision." He's now 10-4-1 with two kayoes. Ortiz is 21-7-3 with seven knockouts.

Ron Huston, 175, Weehawken, N.J., stayed unbeaten with a unanimous eight-round verdict over Eric Winbush, 174, New York. Eric gave it to Ron good in a few of the early rounds, but folded down the homestretch. Scoring: referee Fred Ucci, 4-4 (5-4, Huston, in points), judge Lederman, 7-1; judge Maschio, 5-2-1. Winbush was down in the eighth round—from exhaustion, mostly.

James Shuler, 159½, rolled to his third straight pro win with a third round TKO over opponent Charles Hecker, 160, Brooklyn. Referee Charley Norkus stopped the bout at 1:09 of the round after Hecker went down without being hit. He'd been hit enough before that, though, and the only shady thing about the fight was that Hecker had been stopped in his last two contests. It was scheduled for six.

A second six saw "Sweet" Roberto Vinas, 130, New York, win a unanimous decision over Trenton southpaw Tim Daniels, 129. Referee Ucci had it 6-0, judge Lederman scored it 5-1, and judge Maschio saw it 6-0.

Fours: Danny Pearson, 147½, New York, won unanimous decision over "Slim" Ray Madera, 147, New York. Scoring: referee Norkus, 3-1; judge Lederman 2-2 (3-2 in points), judge Maschio, 2-1-1. Roland "Two Gun" Cooley, 126½, Philadelphia (the Frazier stable), won a unanimous verdict over fellow southpaw Felix (The Cat) Thauriaux, 131, Bayonne, N.J. All three cards read 4-0. Fred Ucci refereed. Pete Minot, 220, New York, won unanimous decision over Melvin "Sweet Sensation" Epps, 190, Brooklyn. Ref Norkus had it 5-0-1, judge Lederman saw it 4-2, and judge Maschio scored it 6-0. Epps looked to have won at least the fourth round.

Marvin Goldberg made his debut as the Felt Forum announcer. He's replaced departed asst. matchmaker Jak Brami, who is now involved with boxing in a new complex in Puerto Rico.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

Attendance—1,413.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

TENNESSEE

▲ MEMPHIS — Cook Convention Center — Jimmy Heair, down in weight and back in shape, looked like the Heair of old. He landed his left hook with increasing regularity against the veteran Johnny Copeland, Joplin, Missouri, dropping Copeland twice in the eighth round and again in the ninth before referee Herman Stevens wisely stopped the contest. It was a scheduled 12-rounder for the Southern lightweight title.

Tony McMinn, Quapaw, Oklahoma, halted Ray Masterson in the third round of their scheduled 10-round middleweight semi-final.

Jackie Beard, Jackson, Tenn., made his pro debut by flooring Charles White, Cleveland, three times in the second round, forcing referee Eddie Freeman to declare a stoppage.

Jerome Coffee, Nashville, Tenn., another great amateur, made *his* pro debut against Tommy Wilson, Fort Worth, Texas, who grabbed him, kneed him, and attempted to throw him down. Referee Herman Stevens — with a little help — pulled the two apart in the second round, disqualifying Wilson. Tempers flared in that one!

Ted Hatfield, Nashville, TKO'd Bill Smith, Fort Worth, in the fifth round. Ted took command in that frame and knocked Smith down twice before ref Freeman stopped the bout.

RED FORTNER

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ SCRANTON — Two eight-rounders headlined the card.

Steve Small, 160, Fairfield, Conn., won a split decision over Ralph Mifka, 161, South Scranton. Small came on strong at the end to get the verdict. Scoring: referee Joe Salci, 39-38, Mifka; judge Adams, 37-36, Small; judge Mihal, 38-35, Small.

Small is now 11-2. Mifka is 13-6-1.

Kevin Rooney stretched his record to 12-0 with a unanimous decision over Jeff Passero in the other eight-round bout. Scores: 39-34, 38-35, 39-36. Passero is now 12-2.

Mike Addesa, Old Forge, Pa., won his second in a row via the kayo route when he halted Emmett Johnson in the second frame of their scheduled light heavyweight four-rounder. The ex-Duke footballer dropped his man for the full count.

Mike Castellani, Atlantic City, N.J., made his pro debut by fighting to a draw with Jim Harrison, Somerville, Mass., in their light heavy encounter. Castellani is the son of former middleweight contender Rocky. He's trained by Joey Falco, Scranton fistic hero of the forties.

Billy Hill, Washington, D.C., closed fast to outscore Tom Jancey, Everett, Mass., in the opening four-rounder.

Amateur bouts preceded the professional card.

Minooka Boxing Group. Paul Reddy, matchmaker.

Attendance—1,201. Gross—$8,650.

JIM LEO

TEXAS

▲ LAREDO — Civic Center Arena — In what will probably be the last of promoter Jorge de la Garza's shows at this border town for some time (the fan response just wasn't what had been expected, never exceeding 900 or so), former world junior middleweight champion Oscar "Shotgun" Alvarado, 168½, Hondo, scored his second consecutive knockout on the comeback trail, halting Herman Marquez, 170½, Mexico, 44 seconds into round two.

Perhaps the most promising youngster in the large stable of local fighters is bantamweight Jose "Gaby" Canizales. Canizales, 118½, stopped outgunned Guillermo Velasquez, 121, Monterrey, with fourteen seconds remaining in round one.

Despite giving up some five pounds in weight, local welterweight Jose Medina, 147½, stopped Alfredo "Sonny" Perez of San Antonio at the 2:00 interval of round seven.

Rafael Duran, 134½, Nuevo Laredo, copped a unanimous 10-round decision over Rigoberto Carrillo, 133½, Rosita.

Refugio Rodriguez, 127, Laredo, winner by TKO at 1:25 of round one over Homero Gonzales, 123½, San Antonio.

Mario Gomez, 123½, won a unanimous four-round decision over debuting local fighter Armando Hilario, also 123½.

▲ HOUSTON — Sam Houston Coliseum — A major upset was the order of the day, as hot and cold James Martinez, 131, Dallas, used a surprisingly effective right hand lead counter punch to capture a draw with world ranked Ruben Castillo, 130¼, Bakersfield, after 10 hard fought rounds.

Action started out rather slowly, with Martinez forcing the Californian to retreat and attempt to land his vaunted left hook. Though James was guilty, at times, of lunging and leaving himself open, his busier offense dominated matters through much of the early stages of this contest.

By round six, the classy Castillo had begun to come on and was able to land most of the punches in his varied arsenal seemingly at will. While Ruben did score more frequently, he was, nevertheless, pelted time and time again with James' quick right hand lead.

Obviously sensing that he needed a strong finish to cop the duke in this rematch (he won a 12-round decision some 15 months earlier), Castillo stepped up the pace and won the final three stanzas on all scorecards. Rounds nine and 10 saw some particularly torrid action, with Ruben bleeding badly from a cut over his right eye and James so tired that he could barely make it back to his corner at the bout's conclusion.

A majority draw was the final tally, with referee Chris Jordan and judge Bob Martin both scoring 96 points for each contestant. Judge Bill Yeager dissented, favoring Castillo by a 98-94 margin. We are sad to report that this marked Jordan's farewell to action after 16 years as a referee. He'll be missed, as, unfortunately, competent and experienced officials are few and far between.

In the evening's semifinal, local youngster Fred Jackson, 118½, used his far greater quickness to take an early lead and hold on for a 10-round unanimous decision victory over 117½-pound Mario Chavez of Los Angeles. Though he faded in rounds nine and 10, Fred (ranked number seven among *Ring's* U.S. bantamweights prior to this contest) scored with a rapier like left jab in the early portion of the bout and had Chavez a thoroughly bewildered fighter at the midway point. The Los Angelino was able to come back and win the eighth and ninth rounds through the use of a strong body attack. The final scorecards read: referee Earl Keel, 96-95; judge Bob Martin 98-94; and judge Bill Yaeger, 96-95; all for Jackson.

Lanky Ernie Pamplin, 209, Shreveport, halted Tom Trimm, 200½, Galena Park, at the 2:37 interval of round three in a scheduled eight-round affair. Trimm suffered from a nasty cut over his left eye which his inexperienced cornerman, Carlton Cox, was unable to effectively repair.

Long time amateur standout Ronnie Shields, 140, Port Arthur, made it three in a row as a professional by halting Jerry Reyes, 140½, Los Angeles, with a whistling left hook to the solar plexus in 1:05 of round four.

Another international amateur hoss, Eddie Green, 149½, Houston, a stablemate of Jackson and Shields, used a terrific body attack to render Mike Garcia, 150, Houston, unable to answer the bell for round four. Green's pro debut.

The promoter was Bill Meyer, with Reuben Rabago making his initial outing as matchmaker.

Attendance—2,732.

▲ BEAUMONT — CIVIC CENTER — The long awaited return to action of local "Golden Boy" James "Bubba" Busceme turned into somewhat of a tarnished event, as only an estimated 800 fans showed up to see Busceme halt washed up Freddie "Stepper" Harris of Shreveport at 2:58 of round five in a lightweight main event scheduled for 10.

Harris, 134¾, was decked twice in round five, which prompted referee Manny Hernandez, with the consent of Harris' corner, to halt matters. Busceme, 135, one of the all-time great U.S. amateur fighters who never was able to quite cut it as a pro, was quick to point out that this wasn't to be considered a comeback, since he hadn't been inactive of his own volition since being kayoed here by Johnny "Wolf" Morgan some 10 months ago. In the interim, Busceme had been the subject of considerable criticism as the sponsor of an illegal "tough guy tourney" which saw a local fellow seriously injured, and had come under the wing of Hugh Benbow, the eccentric elderly millionaire from Yoakum, Texas, who used to manage Cleveland "Big Cat" Williams. His new trainer is the controversial former featherweight boxer, Kenny Weldon. Benbow stated that he plans to have Bubba fight for the lightweight title within one year, but we hope that they aren't basing their hopes on this victory, as Harris is not now — nor has he ever been — anything resembling a world class fighter.

As expected, Billy Watkins, Jr., 135, was given another dose of "easy pickin's," as he disposed of Jose Soto, 132¾, Houston, at the end of round one in their lightweight semifinal. In fairness to Jose, it must be noted that a nasty cut over his right eye was the reason for the early termination. However, after seeing Jose fight some two weeks earlier, it is this reporter's opinion that this was a mismatch from the word go.

After this card's conclusion, Benbow climbed into the ring and publicly announced that he wished to place a $5,000 side bet with Bill Watkins, Sr., in the event that Busceme and Watkins, Jr., can be matched in a future main event here. Apparently, a minimal purse was offered, as Watkins' trainer, Tony Gardner, insists on a "suitable guaranteed purse" before a contract can be signed. From this corner, this appears to be an interesting pairing. Busceme is still one of the slickest boxers in this part of the country, but has (due mainly to a lack of serious conditioning) a history of getting stopped when in against a hard puncher. As for Billy, he is a thunderous puncher, though the quality of his opposition has to be questioned. The same for Busceme's, for the most part, but Watkins appears puzzled when in against a quick moving foe.

Steve Hearon, 144¾, perhaps the best fighter on promoter Bill Meyer's card, decked Melvin Wynn, 147½, Atlanta, several times enroute to a kayo win at 2:52 of round five. Welterweights.

Tony "The Tiger" Tamez, 130½, Port Arthur, a substitute, made it 2-0 in the punch-for-pay ranks by unanimously decisioning Arturo Munoz, 130¼, Houston, over the six-round route. Lightweights.

"Trickey" Mickey Webb, 140, Alvin, Texas, halted Israel Martinez, 139, Houston, at 2:20 of round two. Lightweights. Martinez had previously fought under the name of Israel Ibarra.

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MEXICAN RATINGS
(AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1980)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Alfredo (Mongol) Ortiz
1. Jorge (Martillo) Flores
2. Jose Lopez
3. Javier (Chavelo) Lopez
4. Polo Najera
5. Fernando Montes
6. Azael Gutierrez
7. Memo Vargas
8. Juan Olvera

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Alberto Lopez
1. Gonzalo Montes
2. Jose (Chamizal) Hernandez
3. Adan Chavarria
4. Antonio Leyva
5. Betillo Gutierrez
6. Abel Cordoba
7. David (Lenteja) Madrid
8. Sergio Sanchez
9. Adolfo Sanjeado
10. Jose Duarte

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Norberto Cabrera
1. Paulino Canche
2. Antonio de la Paz
3. Jorge Ramirez
4. Jesus (Chuyin) Lopez
5. Jose Angel Cazares
6. Juan Alvarez
7. Rosendo (Rocky) Alonso
8. Rigoberto (Gigio) Estrada
9. Hector (Young Casanova) Medina
10. Jose Luis Soto

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: David (Maceton) Cabrera
1. Emeterio Villanueva
2. Julio Cruz
3. Manuel Elizondo
4. Mario (Seco) Luna
5. Herminio (Loba) Ramirez
6. Elias Equihua
7. Leno Puente

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Jose Luis Ramirez
1. Jose Luis Castillo
2. Rafael Nunez
3. Benny Abarca
4. Ricardo (Leoncito) Peralta
5. Vincente Mijares
6. Ignacio Campos
7. Camilo (Guerrero) Ibarra
8. Rodrigo Flores
9. Raul (Zurdo) Molina
10. Agustin Rameriz

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Pedro Flors
1. Antonio Avelar
2. Jose Luis Cruz
3. Jose Gallegos
4. Gabriel Bernal
5. Raul Valdez
6. Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez
7. Freddie Castillo
8. Juan Herrera
9. Victor Salcedo
10. Samuel Machorro

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Joaquin (Petrolero) Macias
1. Jose Baquedano
2. Benny (Kid) Barra
3. Victor Adame
4. Vicente Medina
5. Othon Guzman
6. Jose Mireles
7. Ernesto Escalante
8. Juan Carlos Ortiz
9. Francisco Benitez
10. Ariel Favela

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Gustavo Salgado
1. Justo Garcia
2. Brigido Martinez
3. Guillermo (Lobo) Morales
4. Salvador Torres
5. Luis (Puma) Fuente
6. Rafael Gandarilla
7. Amado (Costeno) Mendoza
8. Federico Carreno
9. Sixto Castillo
10. Gerardo Pena

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: German Torres
1. Lupe Madera
2. Amado (Panterita) Ursua
3. Candido Tellez
4. Rafael Guerra
5. Arturo Tebaqui
6. Luis Enrique Garcia
7. Ricardo (Finito) Lopez
8. Jose (Bazookita) Zavala
9. Lorenzo Garcia
10. Jorge Manuel Vera

VIRGINIA

▲ RICHMOND — Arena — Six four-rounders made up the entire program.

Ira Robinson, 136, Richmond, TKO'd Kenneth Lomax, 140, Philadelphia, in the fourth round. Rico Montalban, 238, Richmond, won a split decision over Kid Samson, 185, Philadelphia. Martin Spriggs, 159, Baltimore, TKO'd Paul Grant, 163, Philadelphia, in the second. Richard Perry, 154, Richmond, won unanimous decision over Robert Thomas, 148, Philadelphia. John Green, 183, Richmond, TKO'd Al Monday, 187, Philadelphia , in the second canto. Joe Ballard, 216, Richmond, made his pro debut by stopping Brad Crane, 209, Norfolk, in the second.

Referees—Jackie Flowers, Billy Sahnow.
Judges—Flowers, Sahnow, Wulf.
Timekeepter—Sam Elkin.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Wilson Sprenkle.
Announcer—Calvin King.
Promoter—Eugene Hughes
Attendance—697. Gross—$5,697.50.

CANADA

ALBERTA

▲ EDMONTON —Jeff Sims, 211, Miami Beach, Fla., TKO'd game Grady Daniels, 215, Sterling, Ill., in the second round of a scheduled 10-round main event. Referee Barney O'Connor stopped the bout at 2:19 of the session after Daniels had been on the canvas twice. Grady was also floored twice in the first round—a total of four knockdowns.

Johnny Compo, 144, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., won a unanimous decision over Bruce (The Mouse) Strauss, 146, Omaha, Neb., eight. Scoring: Alf Tansey, 38-36; Jack Berry, 38-36; Barney O'Connor, 36-35. Johan Louw, referee.

Ken Lakusta, 206½, Edmonton, TKO'd Craig Henderson, 209½, Pompano Beach, Fla., at 2:24 of the third round in another scheduled eight. Jack Berry, referee.

Randy Jackson, 162, Edmonton, won unanimous decision over Ricky Haynes, 154, Rockford, Ill., six. Scoring: Barney O'Connor, 28-26; Johan Louw, 30-24; Bill Warwick, 30-25. Jack Berry, referee.

John White, 219, Edmonton, made his pro debut by knocking out Jim Stevenson, 197, Kamloops, B.C., in 2:14 of the first round in a scheduled four. Alf Tansey, referee. Stevenson was also in his first bout as a pro.

Timekeeper—Gus Bell.
Ringside Physician—Dr. G. Sollbach.
Announcer—Bill Tuele.
Attendance—2,408. Gross—$29,160.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

▲ NANAIMO — Gord Racette, Nanaimo, won the Pacific Northwest heavyweight title, stopping Harvey Steichen, Carson City, Nevada, in the fifth frame of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Racette carried the fight to Steichen all the way, but was unable to floor his game opponent. Referee Jim McGee stopped the fight at 2:35 of the fifth session with Steichen cut over the eye. The wound required 36 stitches.

Maurice Rice, Seattle, halted Kelly Anderson, Vancouver, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round light heavyweight bout. It was Rice's second victory over Anderson.

Bobby Howard stepped in as last minute sub for ailing Frankie Duran and boxed a six-round "no-decision" bout with Charles LeCour, welterweights. Both are from Seattle.

"Hollywood" Harold Neveau, Carson City, was too experienced for young Rob Johnson, Nanaimo, whom he stopped in the fifth round. Another welterweight bout saw Johnny Herbert, Vancouver, stop Seattle's Jimmy Johnson in the third after two knockdowns.

Shamrock Promotions.
Attendance—2,810.

▲ KELOWNA — Jimmy McMillan, Kamloops, BC, and Lance Taylor, Kelowna, battled to a 10-round draw in a sizzling lightweight bout.

The balance of the card was made up of the "So You Wanna Fight" stuff.

Attendance—850.
Hugh Mercier, promoter. JIM JOHNSTON

MANITOBA

▲ WINNIPEG — Convention Centre — Wayne Caplette, 162, Winnipeg, knocked out Doug Demmings, 161, Minneapolis, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Demmings took control during the first two rounds, but was knocked down in the third. He made a comeback in the fourth, but Caplette was too strong, and the outcome was not in doubt after that.

Grady Daniels, 206, Sterling, Ill., outscored John Townsend, 188, Milwaukee, Wisc., eight.

Benjamin Stiff, 140, Sterling, Ill., kayoed Jo Jo Jackson, 139, Winnipeg, in the sixth and final round of a good action fight.

Four-rounders: Daryl Penn, 151, Portland, Oregon, outpointed Scotty Papasodora, 152, Minneapolis, Minn. Dan Lalonde, 174, Winnipeg, kayoed Billy Smith, 181½, Chicago, Ill., in the first round. Danny Vandal, 165, Winnipeg, outscored Terry Jesmer, 162, Winnipeg.

Referees—Mike Pastrack, Marshall Quelch, Gord Mackie, Steve Trojack.
Judges—Percy Haynes, John Roberts, Ed St. Mars.
Ringside Physician— Dr. Norman Hill.

NOVA SCOTIA

▲ HALIFAX — Metro Center — Trevor Berbick, 214, Halifax, kayoed Chuck Findlay, 211½, in 2:47 of the first round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Berbick connected with nine left hooks to floor Findlay, who was counted out by referee Herb McMullin.

Ralph Hollett, 163, Halifax, TKO'd Danny Jones, 159½, Windsor, at 2:10 of the eighth round in their scheduled 10. Jones put up a good fight till Hollett decked him. Honey Carvery was the referee.

Conroy Nelson, 209, Ottawa, won a unanimous decision over Leroy Caldwell, 204, Las Vegas, 10. Scoring: judge A. Nickerson, 47-45; judges R. Bryden and Hubert Earle, both 47-46. Percy Paris, referee. It was a good action match, Nelson winning by his superior speed.

Don Johnson, 154, Halifax, won a unanimous decision over Jim Henry, also 154, Montreal, eight. Scoring: judges A. Nickerson and S. Isnor, both 40-33; judge R. Bryden, 40-35. Hubert Earle, referee. It was a poor fight; lots of holding.

Timekeepers—Curley Alguire, Johnny Wall.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Lee Kirby.
Announcer—Leo MacIsaac.

ONTARIO

▲ TORONTO — Live professional boxing in this city today does not even rate a mention in the obituary column. A new twist in bootleg shows under the heading of "Street Fighting" was unloaded on a reported 900 fans who forked out $10.00 admission price to witness a degrading "fast buck" con job. Better shows have been seen for free on the back parking lots of the local taverns. Nobody really knows who the promoters were who promoted the charade under the heading of "12 of Toronto's toughest fighters fighting it out for a purse of $1000 to the winner." It ended up with 12 people, two of them women. Then the fans got into the act and finally the police were called in to restore order. Again at the wrong time, this farce is now under investigation. Will it take yet another serious injury or fatality before shows such as this and "You Think You're Tough" are halted?

The much publicized Aaron Pryor—Gaetan Hart fight is now history, with the Canadian lightweight champion being badly overmatched and stopped in six rounds. It was too bad that Hart was the victim of exaggerated publicity after being involved in two bouts, one ending the career of Ralph Racine and the other ending in the death of Cleveland Denny. The news media got carried away with reports that Hart was a "killer puncher" which was far from the truth. Had they taken the time to check out the official record of Hart, they would have discovered that, in the years 1977 and 1978, in 23 bouts against second and third rate opponents, Hart scored only five knockouts. The management of Pryor never had any doubts about the outcome of the fight. The coverage and publicity for their fighter was great. The bout gave him all kinds of time to do his thing, and a little show boating—until the stoppage in round five. Gaetan Hart at his best is a good club fighter, in with Pryor he was in over his head. Although he never met anyone of the top ten contenders in the lightweight division rated by the USA, Hart was rated number nine. In the Commonwealth ratings, he is listed as number four. *The Ring* never had Hart in their world top 10.

▲ TORONTO — Canadian and Commonwealth champion Clyde Gray, after a professional career lasting a dozen years and some 74 bouts, has retired from further ring action. He has been appointed Boxing Inspector to the Ontario Athletic Commission. Gray's first pro bout took place in McKeesport in March 1968 and ended with a successful Canadian championship defence against Allan Clarke in Halifax in 1980. Gray dropped his first decision to the former world junior welterweight champion, Eddie Perkins, in Chicago. In 1971, he won the Canadian welterweight championship with a decision over Donato Paduano in Montreal. At the end of the same year he suffered his first K.O. defeat at the hands of Armando Muniz in a bout held in California. Winning a 15-round decision over Eddie Blay in Toronto, Gray became the Commonwealth welterweight champion. In his first quest for world honours, Gray faced Jose Napoles on September 22, 1973 and was a decision loser after 15 rounds. Two months later, Gray kayoed Fernand Marcotte in Montreal in defense of his Canadian title. With the WBA welterweight title vacant, Gray received a second shot at the world title on June 28, 1975. Meeting Angel Espada in San Juan, he again ended up a decision loser.

Adding another nine wins to his record, it was not until March, 1977, in a bout against Guerrero Chavez in Montreal, that Gray found himself an ex-champion; the fight was halted due to a cut eye suffered by Gray. Five months later—without a bout in between—Gray faced Pipino Cuevas in a bout held in Los Angeles and was completely demolished in less than two rounds. Gray regained his Canadian and Commonwealth titles in 1978 when he kayoed Chavez in seven rounds. A year later, he was to lose them again when he was stopped on cuts in a bout against Chris Clarke held in Halifax. In a return bout three months later, Gray turned the tables by stopping Clarke in 10 rounds.

During his professional career, Gray was handled by Bev Carter, who trained Gray in his amateur days and turned him professional. Later, he was taken over by Irving Ungerman, who remained his manager until his retirement.

Clyde Gray retires as an undefeated champion; and, during his entire professional career, he did what is expected of any boxing champion. He always gave his best, never downgraded any of his opponents, and was never a bad loser. Canadian boxing has lost one of its better champions, but there is no doubt that, in his new position, Gray will do all that he possibly can to improve the extremely poor conditions that prevail in Ontario professional boxing these days.

FRANK ALLNUTT

QUEBEC

▲ MONTREAL — Paul Sauve Arena — Eddie Melo, 161¼, Toronto, and Lancelot Innis, 158, Montreal, drew, 10 rounds, in a fight marred by a lot of holding. The scores were 47-47, 46-46, and 48-46, Innis.

Eight-rounders: Frank Minigan, 142, Rochester, New York, TKO'd Johnny Degazio, 146¼, at 0:17 of round three. Gaston Berube, 206½, Montreal, kayoed Alain Belanger, 189½, Miami, Florida, in 1:36 of the second. Michel Lalonde, 140¼, "Hull", Quebec, won unanimous (39-36, 39-36, 39-35) decision over Joe Bolarino, 139, Toronto.

Jim Henry, 151½, Albany, New York, knocked out Mike Knox, 142¾, in 2:35 of the third round in a scheduled six-rounder.

Referees—G. Jutras, F. Deegan, R. Baillargeon, R. Doutre.
Judges—Beaudry, Bergeron, Greene, Mailhot, Miron, Nadeau.
Ringside Physicians—Dr. Pierre Forget, Dr. Jean Gaboury.
Promoter—H. Spitzer.
Attendance—6,883.

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲ LA PAZ — Leo Cruz, 123, outpointed Ramon "Indio" Peraza II, 124, 10. Odon Garcia, 134, iced Ramon Luque, 135, in one. Mauro Gutierrez, 125 halted Jaime Verdugo, 124 in three.

DISTRICTO FEDERAL

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — German Torres, 107, won by a disqualification over Lupe Madera, 106, in 11 to retain his Mexican junior flyweight title. Gustavo Salgado, 124, TKO'd Guillermo "Lobo" Morales, 124, in seven, to win the Mexican featherweight crown. Mauricio Aceves, 119, TKO'd Cayetano Correa, 118, in eight. Jose Luis Castillo, 135, stopped Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 136, in three. Nacho Saucedo, 117, outscored Jose Gonzalez, also 117, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Alfredo "Mongol" Ortiz, 218, TKO'd Jorge "Martillo" Flores, 195, in eight to win the Mexican heavyweight title. Joaquin "Petrolero" Macias, 159, TKO'd Othon Guzman, also 159, in one to retain his Mexican middleweight crown. Julio Cruz, 148, TKO'd "Turco" Leyva, 151, in six. Fidencio Gonzalez, 123, TKO'd Reyes Gonzalez, 124, in nine. Emilio Sola, 114, outscored Hugo Partida, also 114, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — David "Maceton" Cabrera, 173, won by a disqualification over Emeterio Villanueva, 174, in one to regain the Mexican light heavyweight title. Alberto Lopez, 147, retained his Mexican welterweight crown by knocking out Jose "Chamizal" Hernandez, 146, in the 11th. Freddie "Riel" Hernandez, 117, Colombia, TKO'd Javier Nunez, also 117, in nine. Eduardo Torres, 117, TKO'd Boni Flores, 118, in two. Jose Franco, 113, TKO'd Victor Montero, 112, in three.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Norberto Cabrera, 117, won an unpopular decision over Paulino Canche, 116, to retain his Mexican bantamweight title, 12. Jose Luis Ramirez, 135, TKO'd Vicente Mijares, also 135, in six, to retain his Mexican lightweight title. Agustin Toral, 146, TKO'd Eleuterio Davila, 146, in one. Aaron Garcia, 107, TKO'd Cipriano Arreola, 106, in two. Kiko Bejinez, 117, kayoed Hector Cortes. 118, in one. Victor Urieta, 113, outpointed Daniel Cuamani, 111, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Ramiro "Popeye" Garcia, 117, and Ambrosio "Quasomodo" Luna, 120, drew, 10. Miguel Reyes, 108, won by disqualification over Luis Castillo, 109, in six. Victor Vega, 135, kayoed Julio Martinez, 136, in five. Marcelo Vega, 134, and Goyo Moran, 135, drew, six. Victor Hernandez, 115, TKO'd Baldo Castillo, also 115, in four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Federico Carreno, 126, TKO'd Salvador "Negro" Torres, also 126, in the 10th and final round. Artemio Ramirez, 125, TKO'd Chano Molina, 126, in nine. Juan Atilano, 116, and Javier Esquivel, 118, drew, eight. Antonio Gallegos, 115, outpointed Francisco Sanchez, 114, six. Marcos Guzman, 119, TKO'd Saul Garcia, 117, in two.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Marcos Villasana, 126, TKO'd Carlos Ibarra, 124, in nine. Miguel Angel Alvarez, 125, edged Nacho Rivera, also 125, 10. Adolfo Gasca, 134, TKO'd Pascual Morales, 135, in three. Efrain Pinto, 109, outscored Nicando Flores, 108, six. Nicolas Mora, 135, outpointed Memo Torres, also 135, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Antonio de la Paz, 117, trimmed Jorge Ramirez, 118, 10. Nicolas Herrera, 147, and Carlton Powers, 141, British Honduras, no contest in five. Hipolito Hernandez, 111, outscored Baltazar Espana, 110, eight.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Juan Paredes, 125, polished off Pablo Ramirez, 124, in five. Arturo "Manny" Cano, 117, TKO'd Manuel "Rata" Luna, 118, in seven. Miguel Landin, 145, demolished Jorge Perez, also 145, in the first round. Roberto Martinez, 114, TKO'd Jorge Torres, 113, in five. Victor Martinez, 117, and Beto Ruiz, 118, drew, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Amado "Panterita" Ursua, 111, TKO'd Freddie "Chato" Castillo, also 111, in three. Luis Enrique Garcia, 108, TKO'd Ricardo "Finito" Lopez, 107, in five. Jose Acosta, 113, outscored Bernardino Pena, 109, 10. Rafael "Raton" Alonso, 113 stopped Juan Flores, also 113, in two. Alberto Garcia, 106, TKO'd Martin Perez, 107, in one.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Pedro Moreno, 108, TKO'd Nicolas "Olivaritos" Olguin, 107, in four. Heriberto Saavedra, 114, shaded Pablo Flores, also 114, 10. Fili "Macanas" Gonzalez, 107, TKO'd Martin "Cebollita" Gonzalez, 108, in four. Aaron Garcia, 108, TKO'd Ramon "Toluco" Lopez, also 108, in one. Jose Luis Garrido, 117, TKO'd Joaquin Corro, 118, in three.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Eleoncio Mercedes, 113, Dominican Republic, and Jose Luis Cruz, also 113, drew, 10. Memin Barcenas, 126, knocked out Chester Audinett, Belize, in five. Jose Garibo, 117, TKO'd Efrain Zepeda, also 117, in six. Feliciano Soto, 135, TKO'd Sergio Gonzalez in five. Roman Escalante, 115, outscored Ricardo Medina, 114, four.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Juan Garcia, 128, flattened Rafael Martinez, 127, in five. Miguel Valderrama, 125, won by disqualification over Raul Rosas, 126, in two. Diego Avila, 116, outpointed Mario Nava, 117, eight. Raul Guerrero, 134, TKO'd Daniel Flores, also 134, in four. Narciso Panchi, 108, TKO'd Pedro Porras, 107, in three.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Sergio Sanchez, 145, TKO'd Abel Cordoba, 147, in the first round. Cenobio Nicolas, 125, TKO'd Natalio "Puma" Quintero, 126, in four. Saul Linares, 124, TKO'd Silvestre Dominguez, also 124, in four. Miro Rosales, 111, TKO'd Javier Saldana, also 111, in four. Abel Pacheco, 126, TKO'd Santos Rodriguez, 124, in three.

DURANGO

▲ **GOMEZ PALACIO** — Rocky Young, 191, Trinidad and Tobago, TKO'd Guillermo Soto, 189, in seven. Romeo Sandoval, 124, TKO'd Pedro Arellano, 124, in two. Antonio Paredes, 130, TKO'd Cesar Fernandez, 128, in three.

GUERRERO

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Emilio "Cacha" Zamora, 127, kayoed Fidel Trejo, 126, in seven. Venancio Rosas, 109, whipped Jesus Becerra, 107, 10. David Palacios, 107, destroyed Jose Luis Arzeta, 108, in one.

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Agustin "Kimba" Palacios, 117, TKO'd Ciro Cayetano, also 117, in nine.

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Alejandro "Mamila" Garcia, 126, kayoed Roberto Collins, Costa Rica, in three. Elpidio Infante, 129, and Ernesto Herrera, 128, drew, 10.

▲ **ACAPULCO** — Beto Ramos, 140, iced Carlos Rios, also 140, Panama, in one.

▲ **PATATLAN** — Gonzalo Lovera, 125, kayoed Raul "Conejo" Reyes, 126, in eight.

JALISCO

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Juan Elizondo, 145, demolished Jorge Vaca, 146, in two.

LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE LATIN AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Bernardo Mercardo (Colombia)
2. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
3. Domingo D'Elia (Argentina)
4. Norberto Fiori (Argentina)
5. Luis Acosta (Argentina)
6. Juan Carlos Sosa (Argentina)
7. Antonio Musladino (Argentina)
8. Pablo Castellano (Argentina)
9. Mongol Ortiz (Mexico)
10. Gilberto Acuna (Costa Rica)

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Ruben Zamaro (Argentina)
2. Wendall Joseph (Trinidad)
3. Roberto Aguilar (Argentina)
4. Luis Lozano (Panama)
5. David Cabrera (Mexico)
6. Elias Equihua (Mexico)
7. Waldemar Paulino (Brazil)
8. Ruben Gonzalez (Argentina)
9. Fausto Quinales (Venezuela)
10. Juan Espinola (Chile)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez (Mexico)
2. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
3. Juan D. Suarez (Argentina)
4. Candido Barrera (Argentina)
5. Ramon Cerrezuela (Argentina)
6. Carlos F. Burlon (Argentina)
7. Abel C. Bailone (Argentina)
8. Manuel Elizondo (Argentina)
9. Oscar Rivadeniera (Peru)
10. Julio Cruz (Mexico)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Fulgencio Obel (Venezuela)
2. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
3. Ruben Pardo (Argentina)
4. Ricardo Arce (Argentina)
5. Jacinto Fernandez (Argentina)
6. Norberto Cabrera (Argentina)
7. Joaquin Macias (Mexico)
8. Miguel A. Castellini (Argentina)
9. Jose Burlon (Argentina)
10. Marcelo Quinones (Peru)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Carlos Herrera (Argentina)
2. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
3. Walter Gomez (Argentina)
4. Patricio Diaz (Argentina)
5. Carlos Peralta (Argentina)
6. Emiliano Villa (Colombia)
7. Joao Henrique (Brazil)
8. Nicanor Camacho (Colombia)
9. Jesus (Pecho) Castro (Dominican Rep.)
10. Jose Baquedano (Mexico)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Eddie Marcelle (Trinidad)
3. Alfredo Lucero (Argentina)
4. Mario Guilloti (Argentina)
5. Jorge E. (Tito) Yanni (Argentina)
6. Segundo Murillo (Ecuador)
7. Daniel Gonzalez (Argentina)
8. Alberto Lopez (Mexico)
9. Wellington Wheatley (Ecuador)
10. Fernando (Rocco) Castro (Peru)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Esteban DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
2. Miguel Montilla (Dominican Rep.)
3. Domingo Ayala (Puerto Rico)
4. Juan Jose Gimenez (Argentina)
5. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
6. Teodoro Osuna (Dominican Rep.)
7. Roberto Alfaro (Argentina)
8. Zenon Silgado (Columbia)
9. Hugo Luero (Argentina)
10. Adrian (Nani) Marrero (Dominican Rep.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Edwin Viruet (Puerto Rico)
2. Vilomar Fernandez (Dominican Rep.)
3. Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
4. Claude Noel (Trinidad)
5. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
6. Sergio Alvarez (Colombia)
7. Juan Graciano (Mexico)
8. Leonidas Asprillas (Colombia)
9. Betillo Gutierrez (Mexico)
10. Antonio (Kid Can) Cruz (Dominican Rep.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Rafael (Bazooka) Limon (Mexico)
2. Ruben Riani (Argentina)
3. Idelfonso Bethelmy (Venezuela)
4. Leonel Hernandez (Venezuela)
5. Victor Echegaray (Argentina)
6. Enrique Maxwell (Panama)
7. Hector Carrasquilla (Panama)
8. Justo Garcia (Mexico)
9. Jorge Alvarado (Panama)
10. Reynaldo Hidalgo (Panama)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Juan Malvarez (Argentina)
2. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
3. Carlos Pinango (Venezuela)
4. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
5. Hipolito Nunez (Argentina)
6. Rodolfo Francis (Panama)
7. Gustavo Salgado (Mexico)
8. Lobo Morales (Mexico)
9. Enrique Solis (Puerto Rico)
10. Victor Pacheco (Colombia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Jose Cervantes (Colombia)
2. Nestor (Baba) Jimenez (Colombia)
3. Ruben Valdez (Columbia)
4. Juan Antonio Lopez (Mexico)
5. Carlos Mendoza (Panama)
6. Luis Avila (Panama)
7. Jacinto Fuentes (Panama)
8. Leo Cruz (Dominican Republic)
9. Jesus Caicedo (Venezuela)
10. Roberto Ruvaldino (Mexico)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
2. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
3. Jose Narvaez (Argentina)
4. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Rep.)
5. Jose F. Uziga (Argentina)
6. Ricardo Bennett (Panama)
7. Norberto Cabrera (Mexico)
8. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
9. Chuyin Lopez (Mexico)
10. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
2. Luis Ibarra (Panama)
3. Betulio Gonzalez (Venezuela)
4. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
5. Pedro Flores (Mexico)
6. Alfonso Lopez (Panama)
7. Jose Gallegos (Mexico)
8. Freddy Castillo (Mexico)
9. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
10. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
3. Lupe Madera (Mexico)
4. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
5. Jovito Rengifo (Venezuela)
6. Martin Vargas (Chile)
7. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
8. Hector Rey Melendez (D.R.)
9. Rafael Pedroza (Panama)
10. Jose Loor (Ecuador)

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Oscar "Negro" Bejinez, 112, knocked out Victor Hernandez, also 112, in the first round.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — David Bejinez, 134, kayoed Jose Luis Villamar, 135, in five. Carlos Segovia, 125, kayoed Cecilio Estrada, 124, in two.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Francisco Parra, 125, outpointed Rogelio Ramirez, 126, 10. Arturo "Cuyito" Hernandez, 121, TKO'd Pancho Ramirez, 120, in two.

▲ **GUADALAJARA** — Miguel Canto, 113, won by a disqualification over Orlando Maldonado, also 113, Puerto Rico, in six. Antonio Avelar, 114, stopped Rocky Mijares, 113, in two. Roberto "Lobita" Ramirez, 111, TKO'd Jose Gabriel Tzab, 112, in seven. Diego Franco, 109, won a technical decision over Carlos Yescas, 111, in one.

NUEVO LEON

▲ **MONTERREY** — Jose Luis Alvarez, 146, outscored Ranulfo Cardona, 147, 10. Ramiro Lozano, 137, kayoed Sergio Hernandez, 138, in two. Juan Rentería, 134, and Jesus Fuentes, 135, drew, eight.

▲ **MONTERREY** — Roberto (Kid) Rubaldino, 118, TKO'd Enrique Muniz, 117, in eight. Alejandro Quiroz, 134, halted Porfirio Hernandez, 135, in two.

▲ **MONTERREY** — Baldomero Santos, 135, stopped Arturo Mujica, also 135, in four to retain his Nuevo Leon Lightweight title. Ramiro Lozano, 137, outscored Juan Davalos, 138, 10.

OAXACA

▲ **SALINA CRUZ** — Silvino "Rayo" Valencia, 120, stiffened veteran Rafael "Tanquecito" Gonzalez, 121, in three. Salvador "Raton" Estrada, 118, kayoed Gilberto "Zorrito" Morales, 117, in eight. Enrique Romero, 124, knocked out "Chango" Chirino, 125, in one.

SINALOA

▲ **LOS MOCHIS** — Betillo Gutierrez, 144, halted Juan Elizondo, 145, in six.

SONORA

▲ **NAVOJOA** — Juan Antonio Lopez, 120, halted Jesse Lara, 121, in four. Bobby Dominguez, 133, and Oswaldo Martinez, also 133, drew, 10. Martin "Camaron" Castro, 123, knocked out Jesus Jimenez, 124, in four.

TABASCO

▲ **VILLAHERMOSA** — Jorge de Jesus, 112, outpointed Roman Acosta, 111, 10. Raul "Chamaco" Lopez, 111, stiffened Fernando Chavez, 110, in five. Oscar Moreno, 111, TKO'd "Chamaco" Gonzalez, 110, in four.

TAMAULIPAS

▲ **REYNOSA** — Gustavo Martinez, 118, stopped Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 119, in five. Ernesto "Che" Guevara, 112, kayoed Felipe Romero, also 112, in seven.

▲ **REYNOSA** — Gustavo Salgado, 125, outscored Ausencio "Torito" Melendez, also 125, 10. Pablo Marquez, 128, outpointed Cuy Miranda, 128, 10. Ismael Quintas, 147, stopped Bernabe Hernandez, 146, in three. Juan Hernandez, 111, flattened Felipe Ordaz, 110, in nine. Juan Mota, 123, outscored Lazaro Gomez, 122, 10.

VERACRUZ

▲ **VERACRUZ** — Victor "Guerrerito" Mendez, 112, kayoed Gregorio Kowayashi, also 112, in three.

▲ **POZA RICA** — Former Olympian Daniel Zaragoza, 117, knocked out Ernesto "Indio" Gutierrez, also 117, in four. Juan Javier Colin, 146, halted Juan "Mono" Gonzalez, 147, in five. Jose Luis Torre, 114, iced Fernando Varela, 113, in one.

▲ **POZA RICO** — David "Lenteja" Madrid, 147, stopped Rodolfo Saavedra, 148, in three.

EDUARDO AMER G.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▲ **PORT OF SPAIN** — Michael Parsons, 146, survived a late rounds rally by defending champion Eddie Marcelle, 147, to win a majority decision and capture the Trinidad and Tobago welterweight title, 15.

Scoring: referee Melchior Taylor, 68-67, judge Molly Boxhill, 68-68; judge Juan Reece, 70-67.

Claude Noel, 134, won a unanimous decision over Johnny Summerhays, 135, 10. Scoring: referee Gurdo Assam, 49-44; judge Ken Laughlin, 48-43; judge Sigmund Assee, 48-44.

Victor Daly, 148, outpointed Walter Peters, 145, six.

Steve Assoon, 132, made his pro debut, outscoring Dennis Dalrymple, 138, Guyana, four.

Attendance—3,000.

GEORGE C. BECKLES

CENTRAL AMERICA

BELIZE

▲ **BELIZE CITY — Bird's Isle —** Fitzroy Guissippi, 143½, Belize, won a unanimous decision over Antonio Nava, 139, Mexico, 10. The scored were 100-94, 99-96, and 98-95. Guissippi holds the Central American and Caribbean junior welterweight title.

Leroy Hardiman, 137, lightweight champion of Belize, TKO'd Carlos Romero, 133½, Mexico, in the fifth round of the semi-final 10.

Raymond "Sixteen" Thompson, 123½, Belize, won unanimous decision over Raul "Chamaco" Lopez, 119½, Mexico, eight. The scores were 80-72, 80-75, and 78-75. Thompson is now 8-0.

Michael Tingling, 151½, Belize, kayoed Norman Orosco, 156, Mexico, in the fourth and final round of the program opener.

A.W. Promotions.

▲ **BELIZE CITY — Bird's Isle —** Raymond "Sixteen" Thompson, 126, won the Belize national featherweight title from Roy "Shorty" Clarke, 118½, who failed to answer the bell for the ninth session.

Thompson was comfortably ahead after eight rounds by scores of 80-72 (twice) and 79-73. It was Thompson's ninth straight win as a professional. Clarke's sharp reflexes are gone.

Fitzroy Guissippi, 144¼, Belize, won unanimous decision over Rudolpho Valero, 147, Mexico, in the semi-final 10. Scores: 100-95, 100-91, and 99-96.

Belize lightweight champion Leroy Hardiman, 134¼, won an easy unanimous decision over Henry (Fats) Fever, 135¾, 10. The scores were 100-92 (twice) and 100-90.

Jaime Cassas, Mexico, 126, won unanimous decision over Reuben Smith, 125, Belize, eight. Scores: 80-73, 79-76, and 79-75.

A.W. Promotions.

BARNEY MAHLER

PANAMA

▲ **COLON —** Pedro Romero, 112, retained his Panamanian flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Melguiades Caballero, 111¾, 12.

Former WBA flyweight champion Luis Ibarra, 113, Panama, TKO'd Modesto Gaytan, 112¼, Nicaragua, in the first round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Felix Sune, 141½, Panama, TKO'd Augusto Zambrano, 138, Nicaragua, at 1:17 of the third round in their scheduled 10.

Marino Alabarca, 147½, Panama, TKO'd Eduardo Rodriguez, 150, Panama, at 1:37 of the second in a scheduled six-round bout.

Celso Chavez, 117, Panama, TKO'd Juan Perez, also 117, Panama, in the fourth and final round.

Alberto Diaz, 115, Panama, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous decision over Carlos Jimenez, 116¾, Panama, four.

RAQUEL TORRES

SOUTH AMERICA

COLOMBIA

▲ **BARRANQUILLA —** Mario Miranda TKO'd veteran Armando "Police" Perez in the 11th round to win the Colombian featherweight crown. Referee Carlos "Focha" Hernandez stopped the bout at 2:59 of the session.

Felipe Orozco TKO'd Argemiro Colon in the second round of a scheduled 10-round featherweight bout.

Manuel Julio outpointed Simon "Cholo" Ramos, 10, featherweights.

Victor Pacheco outscored veteran Clemente Rojas, 10, lightweights. Rojas was making a comeback.

▲ **MONTERIA —** Miguel "Happy" Lora outpointed Juan Alvarez, Mexico, 10, junior bantams. Lora, a great prospect, has become somewhat of an idol in Colombia.

Bernardino Rubio outpointed Julio Llerana, 10, junior featherweights. Felipe Julio kayoed Enrique Pinto in the third round of their junior feather contest. Ruben Guzman TKO'd Nicanor Payares in the first round, featherweights.

LUIS GONZALES

GUYANA

▲ **GEORGETOWN — Lenden Sports Center —** Jeff Roberts, 119, won a unanimous decision over Samuel Brutus, also 119, for the vacant Guyana bantamweight title.

Roberts and Brutus fought a draw on September 7. This time, however, Roberts outclassed his opponent.

Walter Smith looked the winner in his 10-round lightweight bout with Christopher Bowen, but the officials called it a draw. Bottles and cans flew through the air as a result of the decision. A local hero took the mike and asked the crowd for their cooperation. That stopped the downpour, but it was a total of a half an hour until the card was resumed.

Leslie Forde won a unanimous decision over Clifford Jones, eight, junior middleweights.

LLOYD W. BLACKMOORE

EUROPE

Ethem Oezakalin, the Berlin based Turk, failed to capture a European title for his country, losing to featherweight champion Roberto Castanon from Spain. Briton Mike Jacobs officiating for the first time on the continent, called a halt in round eight. Jacobs received a tremendous write up by the local press in Spain for the way he handled the bout, but he was not so popular with some of the crowd, who pelted him with soft fruit when he had words with Castanon's seconds. Oezakalin, dropped in round five by a left hook, took a mandatory count. The only European champion to come from Turkey was Cemal Kamaci who reigned as junior welterweight champion in 1975-76.

In Copenhagen, we saw two Danes fighting for a European title for the first time. Jorgen Hansen made a successful defense of his welter title, halting fellow countryman Hans Henrik Palm. Hansen had a rough passage in round five, when it looked as if the title might change hands, but he fought back strongly to stop Palm, 24, in round nine. Referee Perotti, Spain, called a halt at the 2:59 mark when the brave challenger was in some distress, taking punishment and unable to fight back. Palm was decked in rounds eight and nine. Hansen, 37, still dreams of a world title fight with Leonard and has no intention of hanging up his gloves. Five thousand saw the bout, which was staged at the Brondyhall. Mogens Palle was the promoter.

Boxing of sorts was introduced in 1885 to Denmark, but proved unpopular, and it was not until Jakobsen brought the English style that the first national championships got started in 1899. Jim Smith, a Dane who had boxed in Australia and America, set up a boxing school in Copenhagen and also boxed himself. Bobby Dobbs, the ancient American Negro, appeared in several bouts and, in 1905, Fighting Dick Nelson stopped George Dixon at Copenhagen. Nelson then pursued a brilliant career in the States, returning in 1910 to defeat Waldemar Holberg for the Danish lightweight title. Holberg and Nelson were the first standard-bearers of the professional sport, closely followed by Johan Ekeroth, the Hansen brothers, and Carl Petersen, later better known as Carl Brisson, the stage and film star. In the early twenties, Malle Jacobsen won a series of bouts in Britain and the States and Knud Larsen continued the good work by bringing Denmark her first European title, the feather crown. Einar Aggerholm later boxed for the European welter title, being kayoed by Gustav Eder, and Carl Anderson was narrowly outscored by Aldo Spoldo for the European lightweight title just before the second World War. In Denmark, there are not enough professionals to warrant national title bouts. Chick Nelson held the middle, cruiser, and heavy titles for some years after World War I, whilst Fighting Dick Nelson made sure of the lightweight crown in 1909 and Hans Holdt sat on the middleweight throne from 1930 to 1940. Carl Andersen took the light title in his first professional bout in 1935, and there was no successor until Jorgen Johansen beat Svend Wad in 1951. Hirsch Demsitz, who boxed before the war, held the feathers title from 1935. The last title bout in Denmark was between Martin Hansen and Chris Christensen for the middle crown and was won by the latter. The outstanding promoter in Denmark has always been Valdemar Christiansen, who started Knud Larsen on his march to victory in the early twenties. The promoter today is Mogens Palle, who also possesses a talented stable which includes Ayub Kalule, Uganda, world junior middleweight champion, and Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, European welterweight title holder. Six Danes have won European titles, Tom Bogs, light heavy (1968) and middle (1969) (1973); Chris Christensen, middle (1961); Jorgen Johansen, lightweight (1952); Borge Krogh, light (1966); Knud Larsen, feather (1929); and Jorgen Hansen, welter, who won the crown on three occasions, 1977, 1978 and 1979. Hansen fought for the WBC junior welterweight title in 1973, losing (KO 5) to Italian Bruno Arcari. Hansen, now 37, won the European welterweight crown in 1977, beating Marco Scano, lost it on a disqualification to Jorg Eipel, recovered it beating Alain Marion in 1978, then lost it to Josef Pachler, also on a disqualification, but recovered it in 1979, beating Dave Green. Hansen has since made successful defenses against Alois Carmelist and Joey Singleton. Denmark has held 33 European championship contests. 26 were staged in Copenhagen, 5 at Randers, and 2 at Aarhus.

In Holland, the fight fever was really on. For the first time in the history of Dutch boxing, a local boy was getting his first shot at a world title. Rudi Koopmans had secured a title bout with WBA light heavyweight champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in San Diego. Boxing in Holland is at its best in years, and promoter Henk Ruhling has staged 10 shows this year. Henk also has a brilliant stable. Heavyweight champion Rudi Lubbers has made a comeback, winning four of his five starts. Herbert Zimmerman, Cucao, is a second series heavyweight who has won his three starts this year. Maik Knol, heavyweight, four wins since January. Alex Blan-

chard, undefeated middleweight, is one of the best prospects in Holland in years, and has won all of his 13 starts, 11 inside the distance.

Dutchman Adrie Huussen, junior welter champ, Fighting Mack, former European welterweight champion now making a comeback, and Anton Verrips, at lightweight, all come from the Ruhling stable. Maik Knol is a real heavyweight sensation and a crowd pleaser, selling 90% of the tickets for any show with his name on the program. He has an explosive punch in both hands. At present he is nursing a back injury, but hopes to be back in action again soon.

Recently, Lubbers met Jean Pierre Coopman of Belgium, and it was a fantastic duel. A "new born" Lubbers gave the Belgian a real boxing lesson and forced him to retire in round four.

BDB German heavyweight champion Bernd August, who lost last time out to veteran Henny Thoonen, Holland, by K.O., made a sensational comeback, beating the Belgium champion, Al Syben, who failed to answer the bell for round eight. The promotion lasted almost five hours, with the fans being served up with seven amateur and two professional bouts. While training for this bout on the east coast, August saved an eight-year-old boy from drowning.

Gold medalist at the Moscow Olympics, junior welter Patrizio Oliva, Italy, made his professional debut in his home town of Naples. He outscored Nelson Gomez, Brazil, over six rounds before a crowd of 8,000. Oliva, who collected a purse of $2,250, is guaranteed $50,000 a year by his handlers.

Former European welterweight champion Alain Mario, France, retired early nearly two years ago when he was beaten by veteran Costa Azevedo. Marion is now planning to make a comeback. The Frenchman won the European crown, beating German Jorge Eipel on December 17, 1977. Eipel, kayoed, was unconscious for 25 days, but made a near miracle recovery.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: John L. Gardner (GB)
1. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
2. Alfredo Evangelista (S)
3. Sylvain Watbled (F)
4. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
5. Gordon Ferris (GB)
6. Billy Aird (GB)
7. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
8. Rudi Gauwe (B)
9. Bernd August (G)
10. Al Syben (B)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Rudi Koopmans (H)
1. John Conteh (GB)
2. Hocine Tafer (F)
3. Bunny Johnson (GB)
4. Ennio Cometti (I)
5. Fred Serres (B)
6. Avenamar Peralta (S)
7. Karl Canwell (GB)
8. Christian Cavina (I)
9. Jean Louis Martin (F)
10. Dennis Andries (GB)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Matteo Salvemini (I)
1. Alan Minter (GB)
2. Tony Sibson (GB)
3. George Steinherr (G)
4. Gratien Tonna (F)
5. Roy Gumbs (GB)
6. Frank Wissenbach (G)
7. Anoni Amana (S)
8. Nicola Girelli (I)
9. Alfredo Naveiras (S)
10. Alex Blanchard (H)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Marijan Benes (Y)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Pat Thomas (GB)
3. Steve Hopkin (GB)
4. Luigi Michillo (I)
5. Jimmy Batten (GB)
6. Dave (Boy) Green (GP)
7. George Warusfel (F)
8. Louis Arcaries (F)
9. Jose Hernandez (S)
10. Claude Martin (F)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
2. Colin Jones (GB)
3. Kirkland Laing (GB)
4. Piere Angelo Piras (I)
5. Alois Carmeliet (B)
6. Roland Zanon (F)
7. Richard Rodriguez (S)
8. Giovanni Molesini (I)
9. Fred Coranson (F)
10. Salvatore Cascio (I)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Giuseppe Martinese (I)
1. Jo Kimpuani (F)
2. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
3. Des Morrison (GB)
4. Sylvester Mittee (GB)
5. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
6. Colin Powers (GB)
7. Steve Early (GP)
8. Christian Gracia (F)
9. Euphemio Epifiani (I)
10. Pelligrino Ventrone (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Francisco Leon (S)
1. Jim Watt (GB)
2. Charlie Nash (GB)
3. Ray Cattouse (GB)
4. Ken Buchanan (GB)
5. Jose Luis Heredia (S)
6. Giancarlo Usai (I)
7. Manuel Velasquez (S)
8. Dave McCabe (GB)
9. Lucio Cusma (S)
10. Ricky Beaumont (GB)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Carlos Hernandez (S)
1. Charles Jurietti (F)
2. Ramon Marichal (S)
3. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
4. Aristide Pizzo (I)
5. Natale Vezzoli (I)
6. Maurice Apeang (F)
7. Isidor Cabeza (S)
8. Natale Caredda (I)
9. Angel Oliver (S)
10. Alessandro Nardi (I)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Pat Cowdell (GB)
2. Jimmy Flint (GB)
3. Manuel Masso (S)
4. Cecilio Lastra (S)
5. Esteban Eguia (S)
6. Salvatore Meluzzo (I)
7. Marco Gallo (I)
8. Alfredo Mules (I)
9. Jose Luis Vichio (S)
10. Laurent Grimbert (F)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Vacant
1. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
2. John Feeney (GB)
3. Vicente Rodriguez (S)
4. Valerio Nati (I)
5. Luis de la Sagra (S)
6. Giuseppe Fossati (I)
7. Guy Caudron (F)
8. Dave Smith (GB)
9. Franco Buglione (I)
10. Dave Larmour (GB)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Charlie Magri (GB)
1. Manuel Carrasco (S)
2. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
3. Rodriguez Cal (S)
4. Paolo Castrovilli (I)
5. Sabatino DeFilippo (I)
6. Emilio Pireddu (I)
7. Mariano Garcia (S)
8. Mario Bitetto (I)
9. Filippo Belvedere (I)
10. Andre Dore (I)

Legend: (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) Finland; (G) Germany; (GB) Great Britain; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxemburg; (N) Norway; (S) Spain; (Sd) Switzerland; (Y) Yugoslavia.

DENMARK

▲ **COPENHAGEN** — Jorgan Hansen retained his European welterweight title, stopping fellow Dane Hans Henrik Palm in the ninth round. Stephen Muchoki, Kenya, won the Commonwealth flyweight crown by halting Ray Amoo, Nigeria, in round 12. Mustapha Wasajja, Uganda, won a split decision over Karl Canwell, Great Britain, eight, light heavyweights. John Odhiambo, Uganda, won his third professional bout, outscoring Shaun Chalcraft, Great Britain, eight, light heavies. Torben Andersen, Denmark, outpointed Tony Briton, Great Britain, six, middleweights. Mike Irungu, Kenya, TKO'd French featherweight champion Laurent Grimbert, seven. Gimbert was decked in rounds three and seven.

FRANCE

▲ **CALAIS** — Hugo Samo outscored Dennis Pryce, Great Britain, eight rounds, welterweights.

▲ **PARIS** — Louis Acaties kayoed former European junior middleweight champion Jose Hernandez, Spain, in the sixth round. Acaties in 10 years younger than Hernandez.

▲ **MARSEILLES** — Richard Ceramanolis halted Boyd Farar, Great Britain, light heavyweights. Farar retired at the end of the seventh round.

HOLLAND

▲ **ROTTERDAM** — Former European welterweight champion Edwin (Fighting) Mack emerged from retirement and outscored Billy Waith, Great Britain, eight. Mack was down in the seventh and eighth rounds, and seemed lucky to have gotten the decision. Roy Somer outpointed Steve Cleak, eight, featherweights. Unbeaten Dutch middleweight Alex Blanchard halted Frenchman Michel Pangani, one. Blanchard is now in the middleweight rankings in the 10 spot.

ITALY

▲ **S. TERESA DI GALURA** — Chistiano Cavina outscored Luciano Sordini, 12 (Italian light heavyweight title). Franco Aresti and Claudio Pereira, eight, welterweights.

▲ **VIESTA** — Nicola Cirelli TKO's Roberto Manini, two, middleweights. Cosimo Ventrone TKO'd Eloy de Souza, eight, lightweights.

▲ **LIDO DI CAMAIORE** — Luigi Minchillo outscored Vincenzo Ungaro, 12 (Italian junior middleweight title). Salvatore Cascio TKO'd Everaldo Costo Azeveda, one.

▲ **AVEZZAN** — Michele D'Amato and Natale Ceredda drew, eight, junior lightweights.

▲ **FIUGGI** — Salvatore Melluzzo outpointed Marco Gallo, 12 (Italian featherweight title).

▲ **CAPUA** — Bechir Jelassi TKO'd Alfonso Carrillo, six, junior welters.

▲ **CAGLIARI** — Bruno Demontis outscored Biagio Pierri, eight, lightweights. Fabio Mannai TKO'd Fabrizio Sarullo, six, feathers.

▲ **CAGLIARI** — Cristiano Cavina kayoed Lino Lemma, nine (Italian light heavyweight title). Franco Aresti outpointed Ugo Di Pierto, eight, welters.

▲ **PALERMO** — Nino la Rocca TKO'd Nelson Gomez, five, welterweights.

▲ **RIMINI** — Walter Cevoli TKO'd Giovanni Cortesi, three, light heavies.

▲ **PADOVA** — Gino Freo outscored Jose Centa, eight, light heavyweights.

▲ **NAPLES** — Alfredo Reininger outscored Malguides Da Silva, eight, lightweights. Pasquale Rippa TKO'd Antonio Crescenza, two, middles.

NORWAY

▲ **OSLO** — Carl Day, Great Britain, outscored Ezeo Goubiza, four, middleweights. Eirly Eng outpointed Sylvester Gordon, four, junior welters.

SPAIN

▲ **BARCELONA** — Alfredo Navieras TKO'd Inaki Gorastid, two, middleweights. Antonio Casado outpointed Aureliano Guemes, eight, welters.

▲ **BILBAO** — Kid Garcia TKO'd Pedro Morales, five, junior lights. Young Marin TKO'd Mohamed Chino, six, lightweights.

▲ **BARCELONA** — Antonio Guinaldo retained his Spanish junior welterweight title, outscoring Fernando Sanchez, 10. Nino Jimenez outpointed Rene Martin, eight, lightweights. Chato Melillense outscored Jesus Canut, eight, feathers. Tony Granados and Emilio Molero drew, eight, junior welters.

▲ **MADRID** — Juan Francisco Rodriguez outscored Sidoro Cabeza, eight, featherweights.

▲ **PALMA DE MALLORCA** — Alfredo Evangelista won by disqualification over Bob Stallings, U.S.A., six, heavyweights. Jose Luis Vicho outpointed Emilio Barcala, eight, feathers.

▲ **BARCELONA** — Antonio Guinaldo kayoed Carlos Morales, five, welterweighs. Nino Jimenez and Mohamed Jofre II drew, eight, lightweights. Chato Melillense outpointed Antonio Granados, six, junior welters.

▲ **MADRID** — Avenamar Peralta won the vacant Spanish light heavyweight title, outscoring Alehandro Cardoso, 10. Felipe Rodriguez outpointed Ali Lukasa, eight, eight, heavyweights.

▲ **SAN SEBASTIAN** — Andoni Amana kayoed Frank Medina, four, junior middleweights. Rafael Gutierrez outpointed John Marin, six, junior lights.

▲ **MADRID** — European featherweight champion Roberto Castanon outpointed Hector Molina, 10, non-title.

▲ **PONTEVEDRA** — Felipe Rodriguez outscored Ferry O'Connor, eight, heavyweights.

▲ **BARCELONA** — Roberto Castanon retained his European featherweight crown, stopping Ethem Oezakalin, Turkey, eight. Spanish flyweight champion Rodriguez Cal and Luis de la Sagra drew. Cal, 29, is now 16-0-1.

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UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **Royal Albert Hall, London** — World flyweight contender Charlie Magri, 112, had little difficulty in disposing of Mexican Enrique Castro, 110¼, the bout being stopped in the opening round after the latter had been decked and was being subjected to further punishment.

Former world welterweight contender Dave Green made his debut as a light-middle, scaling 150¼, and beat Mexican Mario Mendez, 150¼, the referee intervening in round two after Mendez had been on the canvas.

Cornelius Boza-Edwards, Uganda, 131¼, outclassed American Roberto Torres, 131½, the contest being halted in round two when Torres had sustained a cut right eyebrow. Torres showed little inclination for his task, and as soon as he was cut he dropped his arms, backed away and indicated that he had no wish to continue.

Jimmy Flint, Wapping, 126½, defeated Mexican Cordobes Lopez, 128, the referee intervening in round two after Lopez had been on the canvas.

The four imported boxers had lasted less than seven rounds, and fans and critics alike were complaining of the poor quality of the visitors. Matchmaker Mickey Duff stated in reply that he regretted the way things had turned out, but added that, out of

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (E)
1. Trevor Berbick (C)
2. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
3. Gordon Ferris (I)
4. Billy Aird (E)
5. Tommy Kiely (E)
6. Terry Mintus (E)
7. Steve Aczel (A)
8. Maile Haumona (T)
9. Clarence Hill (Bermuda)
10. Neville Meade (J)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Z)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasajja (U)
3. Bunny Johnson (E)
4. Gary Summerhays (C)
5. Tony Mundine (A)
6. Eddie Melo (C)
7. Murray Sutherland (C)
8. Stan Bogovic (A)
9. John Odehiamba (U)
10. Karl Canwell (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (E)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Chisanda Mutti (Z)
3. Ralph Hollett (C)
4. Roy Gumbs (E)
5. Chris Clarke (C)
6. Fernand Marcotte (C)
7. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
8. Monty Betham (NZ)
9. Howard Mills (E)
10. Eddie Burke (S)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Bristol (Gu)
1. Maurice Hope (E)
2. Ayub Kalule (U)
3. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
4. Jimmy Batten (E)
5. Dave (Boy) Green (E)
6. Elisha Obed (B)
7. Steve Hopkin (E)
8. Alex Temelkov (A)
9. Ross Eadie (A)
10. Charlie Malarkey (S)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Colin Jones (W)
2. Kirkland Laing (E)
3. Josef Nsubuga (U)
4. Eddie Marcelle (T)
5. Frank Ropis (A)
6. Joey Singleton (E)
7. Lachie Austin (A)
8. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
9. Peter Neal (E)
10. Henry Rhiney (E)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (N)
1. Lennox Blackmoore (Gu)
2. Clinton McKenzie (E)
3. Des Morrison (E)
4. Jeff Malcolm (A)
5. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)
6. Mike Parsons (T)
7. Fitzroy Giuseppe (T)
8. Peter Berrigan (A)
9. Steve Early (E)
10. Allen Clarke (C)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Claude Noel (T)
4. Gaetan Hart (C)
5. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
6. Ray Cattouse (E)
7. Ken Buchanan (S)
8. Nick Furlano (C)
9. Langton Tinabo (Zimbabwe)
10. Dave McCabe (S)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Ford (Gu)
1. Pat Cowdell (E)
2. Eddie Ndukwu (N)
3. David Kotey (G)
4. Charm Chiteule (Z)
5. Dave Needham (E)
6. Jimmy Flint (E)
7. Brian Roberts (A)
8. Vernon Penprase (E)
9. Henry Saddler (G)
10. Jeff Smith (NZ)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. John Feeney (E)
3. Dave Smith (E)
4. Davy Larmour (I)
5. Mike Irunga (K)
6. Jimmy Bowen (A)
7. Chris Bennett (A)
8. Mohammed Younis (E)
9. Steve Walker (A)
10. Tumat Sogolik (Papua)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Stephen Muchoki (K)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Ray Amoo (N)
3. Steve Bell (A)
4. Pedro Solo (A)
5. Kelvin Smart (W)
6. John Hipwell (A)
7. Junior Thompson (A)
8. Neil McLaughlin (I)
9. Sam Eke (N)
10. Attah Yeboah (G)

John Aba (Papua New Guinea) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Kazeem Armah (N), Willi Tarika (Fiji), Big Jim West (A).

Legend: (An) Antigua; (A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (C) Canada; (D) Dominica; (E) England; (Fiji) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (Gu) Guyana; (In) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (K) Kenya; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (To) Tonga; (T) Trinidad; (U) Uganda; (W) Wales; (Z) Zambia.

the 110 shows that Mike Barrett and himself have put on at the Albert Hall, only five had been below the standard expected.

Former Olympic representative Mark Kaylor, 162½, made a satisfactory pro debut by beating Peter Morris, Bridgnorth, 161½, the bout being stopped in round five when Morris was bleeding from the mouth and in trouble.

Joe Jackson, Coventry, 163, outscored Dave Armstrong, Hackney, 164, over six by 59-58½. Not a lot of positive action, and the fans booed accordingly.

Gary Nickels, Paddington, 119½, outscored Billy Straub, Motherwell, 119½, over eight rounds by 79½-77½. Straub bled from the nose and was marked by the right eye.

▲ **Wembly Pool** — SUPPORTS TO MINTER — HAGLER: Commonwealth middleweight champion Tony Sibson, 163½, kayoed substitute Bobby "Iceman" Coolidge of America in round seven with a left uppercut.

Coolidge hit his head against the canvas as he fell, and it was a few moments before he recovered.

Not until that round did Sibson take charge. He had made heavy weather against a southpaw opponent who had plenty of grit but not enough power in his punches to trouble the Britisher, although he landed on Sibson's face on several occasions and kept up the pressure.

Tony bided his time, and early in round seven dropped the American to his knees. Coolidge got up, only to run straight into the uppercut that finished the fight.

British lightweight champ Ray Cattouse, 136¼ didn't lose a round in outpointing American Eddie Murray, 135, over eight by 80-76. Murray's only interest was in lasting the full course.

This he did by back-pedaling furiously, the Cattouse doing all the chasing. Only occasionally did Murray join the issue, but he did land a couple of good hooks to the head in round six.

This apart, it proved a boring contest, with slow handclapping. At the close, Murray was bleeding from the nose and mouth, and his holding tactics would qualify him for the title "strictly an opponent."

Winston Spencer, Walworth, 137, took less than three minutes to dispose of Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 137½,the referee intervening just before the bell ended for opening round.

Chance had been decked for eight by a right cross, and the bout was stopped as he was taking further punishment.

Sylvester Mittee, Bethal Green, 141, beat Derek Nelson, 146¼, the bout being halted in round two. Nelson was down in the opening session, and on the receiving end when the closure was applied.

This bout was scheduled for only four rounds in order to meet the time schedule of American TV.

Clarence Hill, Bermuda, 215¼, Olympic Bronze Medalist, beat Neil Malpass, South Elmsall, 219, the referee intervening after Malpass fell to the canvas, and, on rising, complained of an injured ankle.

The referee allowed the fight to proceed, but Malpass was decked for eight by a left to the head. When he rose, the bout was stopped than.

Eddie Copeland, Manchester, 138l, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Eric Purkis, Wembly, 139¼, the best contest being stopped in round six with Purkis still on his feet but very weary. It had been a hardpunching affair, with both having their moments.

▲ **Evesham Sporting Club** — Clifford Gilpin, Wolverhampton, 146, outpointed Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 147, over eight by 79½-78. Gilpin did his best to confuse his opponent by switching to southpaw and back, but Thomas didn't stop coming forward and put up a good scrap.

Willie Wright, Birmingham, 163, took a narrow points verdict over Steve Bateman, Penbrook, 162, in a six-rounder. Scoreline 59½-59.

Debutant Neville Wilson, Wolverhampton, outscored Casley McAllum, Croydon, also by the narrow margin of 59½-59 over six, in a lightmiddleweight bout.

Steve Davies, Swansea, outpointed debutant John Wiggins, Nottingham, over six, another 59½-59 scoreline

▲ **Bedworth Civic Hall** — Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 234, won the vacant Midlands Area heavyweight title by beating Rocky Burton, Bedworth, 210, the bout being stopped in round six with Burton still upright but defenseless.

Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 148, outpointed Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 147, over eight by 79½-77½. Newell did his best to force it and the scoreline seemed a bit misleading.

Joe Jackson, Coventry, 166, kayoed Winston Davis, Rugby, 160, in round two with a right cross.

Willie Wright, Birmingham, 162½,put on a fine display of aggression to narrowly outscore Robert Smith, Rose Hill, 163, over six by 59-58½. It was Smith's first pro fight.

Debutant Richard Wilson, Nuneaton, 148½, outpointed Paul Murray, Birmingham, 147, by 59½-58½ over six.

▲ **Adulte Ballroom, Burslem** — Doug Hill, Burslem, 125½, kept his Midlands Area featherweight title by outpointing Don Aagesen, Birmingham, over 10 by 99-97½.

Aagesen finished strongly, and, with Hill cut by the left eye (four stitches required), the latter looked in danger of losing his crown.

However, all was well in the end, and Doug held on grimly to his early lead. The champion had a good sixth round, dropping his opponent momentarily, and keeping up the pressure.

Two stitches were inserted in a cut by Aagesen's left eye.

Don George, 125, won a close one against Gary Lucas, 128. Scoreline 79-78½ after eight. A good scrap to watch, and little in it throughout.

Rupert Christie, Birmingham, 176, outpointed Liam Coleman, Leeds, 177, over eight by 79-78.

Gerry White, Liverpool, 146, beat Mick H. Oliver, Burslem, 144, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round with Oliver on the receiving end. It was the latter's debut, and he had started the fight in promising fashion.

▲ **Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull** — Lawrence Williams, Manchester, 136, beat Duncan Hamilton, Cambuslang, 134, the referee intervening in round six of a scheduled eight when Hamilton was cut by the right eye in two places.

Hamilton was just beginning to come back strongly after Williams had set up an early lead, and the latter's left hand was the dominating factor.

Peter Harrison, Glasgow, 137, defeated Jackie Turner, Hull, 137, the bout being stopped in round three of another scheduled eight when Turner was cut over both eyes.

It was still anybody's fight when the end came, but the irony came when Harrison's left eye swelled considerably just after the referee intervened.

Johnny Francis, Manchester, 148¾, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Chris Christian, Hackney, 147¼, over eight by 79-77

Not a fight to remember, although Christian's gumshield was knocked out of his mouth in rounds five and six.

On the canvas in round five, John Griffiths, Neath, 128, got up to outscore Eddie Glass, Hartlepool, 127½, by the narrowest margin of 59-58½, over six.

Kevin Walsh, Manchester, 148¼, drew with Carl North, Leicester, 146, over six.

▲ **Aquarius Night Club, Chesterfield** — Pro boxing recommenced here after a lapse of 30 years.

In the topliner, 19-year-old Walter Clayton, Chesterfield, 139, outpointed Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 143, over eight by 80- 7½, not losing a round.

Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 149½, drew over eight with Kevin Walsh, Manchester. The latter took the bout on only three hours' notice, and many thought he was fortunate to get a share. Nevertheless, he got a fine round of applause at the end.

Steve Farnsworth, heffield, 121½, outpointed Tony Manson, Gainsborough, 118½, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Chris Devine, Chesterfield, 186, beat Paul Newman, Bognor, 181, some of the fans showing surprise when it was stopped in the sixth and final round. However, Newman was taking punishment, and the referee does not know (and shouldn't be influenced by) how long a fight hd to go.

▲ **Hull City Hall** — Ricky Beaumont, Hull, 134½, outscored George Feeney, Hartlepool, 1e4, over 10 by 98½-97½. An excellent contest, and this victory means that Beaumont now meets Dave McAbe in a final eliminator for the British lightweight title.

It was punch for punch. Referee John Coyle could have stayed home, so clean were the exchanges. It reflected credit on both men.

Full marks to Les Roberts for his first promotion in Hull, and to former fighter Roger Tighe, now a manager in his native Hull, who has done so much to get things going in that city.

Roger came out of it well. He had six boxers on the bill, including Beaumont, and five of them won.

Beaumont said afterwards that sparring with former world champion Ken Buchanan had helped him enormously to prepare for this contest. Feeney should not be discouraged. His contribution was a major one.

Malcolm Heath, Hull, 166, beat Martin FVrancis, Londonn 163, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final round after the latter had been down.

Colin Wake, Hull, 142½, kayoed Julian Boustead, 140, in round four with a right cross after decking him in the previous session.

Steve Pollard, Hulln 130, kept his unbeaten record by outscoring Eddie Glass, Hartlepool, 130, over six by 59-58½. Bobby Welburn, Hull, 146, narrowly outpointed Steve Freeman, Hartlepool, 150, by 59-58½ over six. Freeman was down in round two and looked in trouble, but he recovered well.

Martin Boulton, 136, was another to win narrowly, outscoring Paul Wake, Hull, 138½, over six by 59½-59.

▲ **Top Rank Suite, Swansea** — Welsh heavyweight champion Neville Meade, 227, is finding that life begins at 33. Recently, he stopped hardhitting prospect David Pearce. Now he stops Winston Allen, Swansea, 200, the referee intervening in round two after Allen had been decked.

Pip Coleman, 117, won the Welsh bantam title by outpointing veteran Glyn Davies, 117¼, over 10 by 98½-97½.

When they met for the vacant crown 12 months earlier, Davies won on cuts. Coleman hadn't fought since, but worked harder than his opponent.

"Pip" is aptly named. He stands only five feet nothingm

John O'Neill, Swansea, 174, outpointed Steve Babbs, Swansea, 172, over eight by 79½-77½. Babbs was willing enough, but O'Neill kept in front and finished strongly.

In a battle of debutants, Steve Bateman, Penb ook, 162½, beat Muhammad Ben, Algeria, 162, the bout being stopped in round four after Ben had been decked.

Elephant & Castle Recreation Centre, London — Ken Jones, Gorseinon, 176½, drew with Steve Lewin, Morden, 176¼, over eight. Jones was cut under the right eye and over the left, but kept coming forward.

Former British lightwelter champ Joey Singleton, 144½, beat substitute Martyn Galleozzie, Merthyr, 141, who retired at the end of round five after being cut on the bridge of the nose. Up to that stage, the latter had been giving a good account of himself.

Mickey Mapp, Charlton, 152½, easily outscored Tony Britton, Lewisham, 155, over six by 60-57, not losing a round.

Billy Bryce, Hartlepool, 151, gained a six-round points win over Dave Finigan, Balham, 151, Scoreline: 59½-58½. The latter was decked in the opening round.

Keith Bristol, Battersea, 181, outscored Lee White, Morden, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½. It was White's debut, and Bristol's second bout.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London** — Dave McCabe, Gartosch, 141, outpointed Chris sanigar, Bristol, 140, over eight by 79½-78. Sanigar was cut over the right eye. McCabe boxed coolly and competently, and punched too fast for his opponent.

Glen Rhodes, Sheffield, 138¾, gained a sensational last round victory, his bout with Kerry Collins being stopped in the eighth after the latter had been on the canvas.

At that stage, it looked as if the unorthodox Rhodes was trailing on points.

Debutante John Joseph, Hayes, 163, beat Bobby Williams, another first-timer, Southampton, 164½, the referee intervening in round three when Williams had stopped fighting back.

Rocky Bartleman, Hayes, 128, outscored John Griffiths,

Neath, 128, over six by 60-58½, not losing a round.

▲ **World Sporting Club, London** — Gerry O'Neill, Glasgow, 128, outpointed Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 129n over eight by 79-77½. Lucas must get fed up with meeting O'Neill. It was their third encounter, and the latter has won them all on points.

An excellent contest, with O'Neill's left hand the deciding factor.

Tommy McCallum, Edinburgh, 143, outscored Ronnie Rathbone, Hull, 145, over six by 59½-58½. McCallum did well to overcome the handicap of an injured left eye.

Debutant Darwin Brewster, Cardiff, 148, beat Dave Arnott, Plymouth, 145, another first-timer, the bout being stopped in round four. Arnott was down briefly at the end of the preceding round.

Paddy Ryan, Dagenham, 1y1½, outpointed Pharoah Bish, Battersea, 162, by 60-58 over six, not losing a round.

Tony Walton, Dagenham, 167½, kayoed Winston Richards, Sheffield, 166, who was treated for a dislocated shoulder after going to the canvas in obvious pain after just 50 seconds of the opening round.

It was the unlucky Richards' professional debut.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester** — Johnny Francis, 146, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Al Stewart, Ormskirk, 146½, over eight by 79½-77½.

Stewart was cut by the left eye, but thought he had won in round three when both boxers went to the canvas after a close-quarter maul. Al got up, but Francis took a count of eight and indicated that he had injured his right knee.

Afterwards, Stewart's manager, Charles Atkinson, alleged that 20 seconds then elapsed before the referee ordered them to box on, and that Francis had intimated that he didn't want to continue. Atkinson said there would be an official protest.

Anyway, Francis' cornermen successfully relieved the knee pain with massage at the end of the round, and he kept out of trouble until the end.

Andy Thomas, 129, outpointed Steve Farnsworth, Sheffield, 126½, over six by 59½-58. The 18-year-old Thomas started slowly, but stepped up the pace, and a punch for punch encounter ensued that brough nobbins from an enthusiastic audience.

Steve Bateman, Swansea, 163, drew with Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 164, over six.

Kevin Dirkin, Bradford, 149, outscored Steve Davies, Penbrooke, 149, by the narrow margin of 59-58½, over six. Dirkin looked to have won it on his efforts in the final round.

▲ **Gosforth Park Hotel, Newcastle** — Norman Morton, Newcastle, 134, gained a deserved points victory over Eric Wood, Doncaster, 130, in an eight-rounder. Scoreline: 79½-78½.

Too much holding and wrestling, with the referee having to pry them apart on several occasions, and speaking to both at the beginning of round seven.

Morton's superior work-rate saw him home.

Debutant Kirk Davis, Derby, 154, outpointed Terry Baldwin, Newcastle, 150, by 40-39 over four, not losing a round.

Graeme Ahmed, South Shields, outscored Kevin Walsh, 150, by 59½-58½ over six. Walsh was decked in the final round.

Mick Mason, Craghead, 129, confirmed a previous victory by outpointing Selvin Bell, Manchester, 128, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½.

Ian Murray, Manchester, 124, outpointed Eddie Glass, Hartlepool, 127½, over six by 59½-58½.

▲ **Blazers Nite Spot, Windsor** — In an eight-rounder, Tony Martey, Ghana, 150¼, outscored Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 147½, by the narrow margin of 78½-78.

Earl Edwards, 162¼, beat Central Area middleweight champion Dave Owens, Castleford, the bout being stopped in round three after Owens had been down and was cut on the bridge of the nose.

Gerry McGrath, Harlesden, 148½, beat Dave Dunn, Manchester, 150½, the referee intervening in round three when Dunn had stopped hitting back.

Peter Locke, Croydon, 162, outpointed debutant Owen Stafford, Herne Hill, 166, by 59½-58½ over six.

▲ **North Staffs Sporting Clube, Stoke** — Not losing a round, George Bailey, Bradford, 116, outscored Pat Mallon, Glasgow, 118, over eight by 80-76½.

Bailey punched too quickly and too often for the plucky Mallon, who kept going in what was a lost cause.

Joe Jackson, Coventry, 163, gained a close one over Willie Wright, Birmingham, 163. Scoreline: 59-58½ over six.

Paul Murray, Birmingham, 146, kayoed Carl North, Leicester, 146, in round two with a right hand. North had been inactive for some time.

Barry Winter, Glasgow, defeated Mark Hill, Wednesbury, the referee intervening in round three when Hill was taking punishment. Hill, too, had been inactive.

Joe Frater, Grimsby, 177, outpointed Steve Fox, Wolverhamton, 176, over four by 39½-38½. Fox was yet another showing ring rust.

▲ **Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham** — Cliff Gilpin, Wolverhampton, 150, outscored John Smith, Glasgow, 150½, by 79½-77½ over eight.

First half of the fight was uneventful, except for a warning to Smith in round four for an alleged low blow, and one to Gilpin in the following session for alleged misuse of the head.

Gilpin gradually forged ahead in the last few rounds, but had to contend with a fierce Smith rally in the final session.

Jarvis Greenidge, Birmingham, 131, gained a narrow points victory over Kevin Sheehan, Nottingham, 134. Scoreline: 79-78½.

Greenidge was down a couple of times, and also slipped down once and tripped down once. Many thought Sheehan deserved the nod.

John Humphreys, Wolverhampton, 160, outscored Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 158, over six. It was the second time they had met within a month, and Humphreys' second victory. This time, however, Wallace put in an impressive last-round rally.

Debutant Charlie Douglas, Larkborough, 147, drew with Kevin Johnson, Birmingham, 146, over six. Douglas bled from the nose and looked weary at the close.

▲ **Nantwich Civic Hall** — Don George, Swansea, 128, outscored Steve Sims, Newport, 128, over eight by 79-77½. George even switched briefly to southpaw in round six, and landed several good right hands in the following session.

Dave (brother of Don) George, Swansea, 118, didn't lost a round in outpointing Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 121, over eight by 80-76½, in a crowd-pleaser. Bott seemed to do better than the scoreline suggests.

Gary Brookes, Tottenham, 146, gained a quick victory over Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 147, the bout being stopped at 1:08 of round one. Hardiman was defending desperately when the closure was applied.

Debutant Barry Oliver, Crewe, 139½, drew with Robert Thornton, Leicester, 140, over four. Oliver was decked in round two.

▲ **Wolverhampton Sporting Club** — Midlands Area lightweight champion Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 135, deservedly outpointed Peter Harrison, Glasgow, 136, over eight by 79½-78.

Not everyone agreed with the scoreline, but it looked O.K. The vastly experienced Crooks started strongly and finished strongly, lapsing a little in the middle of the fight and giving Harrison the opportunity to turn on the pressure.

Harrison had a swelling by the left eye.

Debutant Tommy Taylor, Hednesford, 172, easily outpointed substitute Willie Wright, Birmingham, 171, over six by 60-58½, not losing a round.

Paul Murray, Birmingham, 142, outscored Steve McLeod, Fort William, 139½, over six by 59½-58½. McLeod's left eye was cut in round four.

John Sharkey, Glasgow, 130, defeated Gerry Beard, Nottingham, 132, the referee intervening in round three after Beard had been down at the end of the previous session.

▲ **Bingley Hall, Birmingham** — Professional boxing took place at this venue on three successive nights. In the first show, Billy Aird, Liverpool, 210, outpointed Tony Moore, Hendon, 198, over 10 by 99½-96½.

Seemingly a clear-cut victory, but Aird seemed content to keep in front with accurate jabbing and good ringcraft rather than take any chances in trying for a win inside schedule.

Moore worked hard, especially in the later rounds, but could never get on terms.

In a fight which provided plenty of action, Joey Mack, Birmingham, 145½, keeping his Midlands Area welter title by outscoring Roy Varden, 144¾, over 10 by the narrow margin of 98-97½.

Mack's last round effort was probably responsible for his win.

Alec Irvine, Corby, 126, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 126½, over eight by 79-78½. Aagesen was down in round four.

John Humphreys, Shrewsbury, 164, easily outpointed Willie Wright, Birmingham, 166, over six by 59½-58.

Another points winner was Mark Crouch, Epsom, 143, who outscored Kevin Johnson, Birmingham, 148, by 59½-58½ over six.

Al Stevens, Birmingham, 172, kayoed Steve Babbs, Swansea, 178, in round two with a left hand to the chin.

▲ **Bingley Hall, Birmingham** — On the second night, Steve Early, Coventry, 141, comfortably outscored Zaire's Dan M'putu, based in France, 139, over 10 by 99-97.

Dan started off at a fast pace, but soon slowed down, and was warned several times for "slapping." Early's right eye was cut in round three, but he kept in front by accurate jabbing.

Adey Allen, Leicester, 140, won the Midlands Area lightwelter title by outpointing the holder, Roger Guest, Dudley, 139, over 10 by 98-97.

This confirmed a previous victory three months earlier over eight.

A real crowd pleaser, with a lot of toe-to-toe exchanges. Guest looked good in the opening round, but all that changed in the second session, when he looked in trouble.

Guest had a swelling by the right eye in round three, but continued to fight back strongly. Allen's nose bled in round eight, but he put in a storming finish and was a worthy winner.

Debutant Vince Gajny, Stratford, 156, narrowly outscored Clifton Wallace, Birmingham, 158, over six by 59-58½.

Steve Gee, Birmingham, 191, kept his unbeaten record by defeating Jim Burns, Rugeley, 199, the referee intervening in round three. Burns was down three time.

▲ **Bingley Hall, Birmingham** — Final night, and the topliner was won by former world lightweight champion Ken Buchanan, Edinburgh, 136¾, who outpointed Des Gwilliam, Birmingham, 136½, over eight.

It looked like a clear-cut victory for Buchanan, but the scoreline gave him only the narrowest possible margin, 79-78½.

An excellent contest, with the 35-year-old Buchanan revealing his old skills and producing the cleaner punches. For his part, Gwilliam boxed well, but in a defensive role, and only in the later stages did he trade punches.

Throughout, Buchanan looked the classier boxer, and it is significant that his presence drew the biggest crowd of the three evenings.

Glrn McEwan, Birmingham, 159½, retained his Midlands Area middleweight title by knocking out Romal Ambrose, Leicester, 160, in round six.

Ambrose was decked for seven, and, on rising, was subjected to further punishment before the final punch.

Substitute Chris Lawson, Pembroke, 177, outpointed Rupert Christie, Birmingham, 177½, over eight by 79-78. Christie was down in round two.

Ian Murray, Birmingham, 149, beat Jeff Aspell, Swansea, 146, the bout being stopped in round five. The latter tried hard, but Murray was too clever.

Paul (brother of Ian) Murray, Birmingham, 149, drew with Steve Davies, Pembroke, 149, over six. Both had facial injuries.

▲ **Hove Town Hall** — Tim Maloney, Brighton, 137, outscored the more experienced Barry Rice, Brighton, 137, over eight by 79½-77.

A good contest to watch, with Price's strong finish coming too late to affect the result.

Nobbins of over £31 came into the ring after 18-year-old Paul Huggins, Hastings, 119, had outpointed substitute Carl Gaynor, Manchester, 124, over six by 60-57½.

On paper a clear-cut victory, but Gaynor contested every issue in a toe-to-toe encounter that the fans loved.

Steve Farnsworth, 125½, gained a narrow points win over Peter Ewebanks, 125. Scoreline: 59-58½ after six. Not everyone agreed with the decision, but Steve's strong finish probably turned the scales.

Alan Cooper, Brighton, 137, outscored Wally Stockings, Isleworth, 135½, over six. Scoreline: 59½-58½.

A similar scoreline in the bout between Mark West, Newhaven, 119, and Carl Cleesby, 118½, West getting the verdict.

Gordon Stacey, Battersea, 174, beat Paul Newman, Bognor, who was retired by his corner at the end of the opening session with a cut by the left eye.

▲ **St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow** — Billy Lauder, Glasgow, 158½, beat Malcolm Heath, Hull, 162, the referee intervening in round six after Heath had been decked with a left to the jaw.

Up to that time, there had been no indication of an early finish.

Bobby Welburn, Hull, 141, defeated Alex Gregal, Clydebank, 143½, the contest being stopped in round five after the latter had been caught with a series of right hands. Gregal was down in the opening session.

Debutant Billy Laidman, Greenock, 131½, outpointed Paul Wake, Hull, 134½, over six by the narrow margin of 59-58½.

Hugh Smith, Chapelhall, 141½, outpointed Colin Wake, Hull, 141, over eight by 79½-78. Plenty of action, and Smith proved too fast for his willing opponent.

▲ **Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham** — Stuart Lithgoe, Hartlepool, 200, beat Manny Gabriel, also 200, the bout being halted in round four. Fortunes fluctuated, Lithgoe doing well for the first two rounds, Gabriel hurting his man with a right and following left to the head, then Lithgoe coming back again to have his man in trouble when the stoppage came.

Steve Enwright, Bradford, 120, jabbed his way to a conclusive points victory over Ivor Jones, Hastings, 120½. Scoreline: 79-77 after eight. Jones survived early pressure to take command.

Keith Bristol, Brixton, 177½, was another easy winner, outscoring Tommy Jones, Liverpool, 178, by 59½-57½ over six.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 162, didn't lose a round in outpointing Pharoah Bish, Brixton, 162. Scoreline: 60-57½ over six.

▲ **Bolton Civic Centre** — Alek Penarski, Horwich, outpointed Liam Coleman, Leeds, over eight by 80-77½, not losing a round. Coleman seemed to make a bigger contribution than the scoreline suggests.

Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, outscored Peter Bassey, Manchester, over eight by 79-78. It looked as if Morris was going all-out for a first-round victory, but Bassey rallied well.

Brian Anderson, Sheffield, outpointed Dennis Sullivan, Plymouth, by 79½-77 over eight.

Steve Topliss had it comparatively easy outpointing Derek Groake, Warrington. Scoreline 59½-58. Steve was content to let his man come to him, and counterpunched to good effect.

Jerry Golden, Manchester, beat John Stone, Manchester, who was disqualified for misuse of the head in round five.

▲ **National Sporting Club, London** — Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 153, outpointed George Walker, 154, over eight by 79-78.

McKenzie kept the pressure on throughout, but Walker punched with him and countered to good effect whenever the opportunity arose. A hard contest, and an interesting duel.

Dave Douglas, Larkhall, 147½, didn't lose a round in outscoring Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 147, by 80-77½ over eight.

A good bout to watch, Douglas's superior work rate turning the scales.

Debutant Russell Jones, Rhondda, 127, kayoed Larry Richards, Leicester, 129, in round two. Jones looked impressive in round one, and finished off the job with a right to the jaw.

▲ **Rotters Nitespot, Doncaster** — Substitute Steve Goodwin, Liverpool, 164, did well to outscored Leo Mulhearn, Doncaster, 162, over eight by the narrowest margin of 79-78½.

An excellent contest, with Mulhearn crowding his opponent, but the cleaner punching coming from Goodwin.

Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, 140, kayoed Robert Thornton, Leicester, 141, in round three, a left hook following a right cross. It was a couple of minutes before Thornton recovered.

Ian Scotting, Doncaster, 189, beat Stan Carnell, Liverpool, 184, the referee intervening in round five after Carnell had been down four times.

Harry Allen, Lewisham, 188, defeated debutant Glen Stevens, Doncaster, 186, who retired at the end of round four. Stevens was cut by the right eye, but had previously been warned for holding.

Steve Sims, Newport, 126, came in as a substitute and proved too experienced for 17-year-old Peter Gabbitus, 120. Scoreline: 39½-38½ over four. It was Peter's first defeat.

Ronnie Rathbone, Maltby, 148, gained a narrow one against Kevin Walsh, Manchester, 147. Scoreline: 59-58½ after six. Plenty of action in a bout that wasn't arranged until a few hours before the show.

▲ **Middlesborough Town Hall** — Brian Graham, Middlesbrough, 161½, was found to have a fractured cheekbone after outpointing substitute Joe Dean, Huddersfield, 176½, over eight by 79½-77

A real crowd pleaser, with Graham impressing by the ease by which he conceded over a stone in what was only his third pro bout.

Dean finished strongly and was always willing to fight back. Both received generous applause at the final bell.

Mick Mason, Craghead, 129, outpointed Selvin Bell, 130, over eight by 79½-78½. It was Mick's third win over Bell in as many fights, so he can now wrap Selvin up and take him home.

Neil Fannan, Hartlepool, 155, outpointed Casley McCallum, Croydon, 156, over six by 60-59, not losing a round. McCallum was decked in the final round.

Lee White, London, 179, outscored Nigel Savery, Leeds, 178, by 59½-58½ over six. Savery was cut early in the fight over the left eye. He needed four stithces.

Andy Glass, Swansea, 128, also didn't lose a round in outpointing Eddie Glass, Hartlepool, 130, over six by 60-58. Thomas had car trouble on the journey from Wales, and didnt arrive in the hall until just before his bout was due.

▲ **Anglo-American Sporting Club, London** — Clarence Hill, Highgate, 215¼, an Olympic Games Bronze Medalist from Bermuda, beat George Scott, Newcastle, 223¼, who was retired by his corner with a damaged shoulder. Hill was in control at that stage.

Generous patrons tossed in £108 in nobbins after Lawrence Williams, Manchester, 138, had beaten Jimmy Brown, Liverpool, 136¼. The bout was stopped in round seven when Brown sustained a broken nose, which was bleeding badly.

JAPANESE RATINGS
BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION
(AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 1980)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
James Callaghan
1. Caesar Sasaki
2. Masahide Kitamura
3. Tsumoru Okamoto
4. Yukimi Murakami

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Michihiro Horihata
1. Kenji Shibata
2. Naoto Suzuki
3. Minoru Ono
4. Tarzan Tobaru
5. Shigeo Takagi
6. Warrior Hanada
7. Mamoru Hanada

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Akio Kameda
1. Dynamite Matsuo
2. Yohi Arai
3. Mitsuo Kushikino
4. Katsuhiro Sawada
5. Kazumi Nakao

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eiichi Fukumoto
1. Jyoken Narita
2. Noboru Hatakeyama
3. Minoru Sugiya
4. Kirk Fujimoto
5. Kazunori Shiratori
6. Masahiro Yokai
7. Fire Kaneda
8. Hayao Shiba

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Battle Hawk Kazama
1. Tsuneshiro Fuchiwaki
2. Katsuhiro Okubo
3. Tadao Ishido
4. Mitsuo Ohashi
5. Kaneatsu Yamamoto
6. Hirofumi Mochizuki
7. Tadashi Suginaga
8. Gen Akutsu
9. Takeshi Mine
10. Tatsuya Moriyasu

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yasutsune Uehara
1. Masa Ito
2. Gen Tosa
3. Yoshitaka Ikehara
4. Blazer Okubo
5. Shigeyuki Otake
6. Keizo Kurebayashi
7. Sasaki Kojiro
8. Ken Sogo
9. Yasuhide Takahashi
10. Norio Maruuchi

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Spider Nemoto
1. Tenyu Maruki
2. Koichi Matsushima
3. Yoshimitsu Azato
4. Jonny Fujimoto
5. Katsuji Sano
6. Namio Akamine
7. Syuzo Yoshida
8. Jyo Tatsuki
9. Tomio Nakamura
10. Hiroshi Gonohe

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hiroyuki Iwamoto
1. Yukio Segawa
2. Kenichi Ito
3. Bunji Ando
4. Sanji Ito
5. Kanekatsu Daito
6. Naoki Kobayashi
7. Jyo Araki
8. Hirokazu Fukui
9. Noboru Ishimine
10. Kiyoshi Nagashima

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurricane Teru
1. Yuji Oka
2. Takashi Uezu
3. Hitoshi Ishigaki
4. Takeshi Ryu
5. Hiroyuki Tanaka
6. Tsuguyuki Toma
7. Kenzo Takasugi
8. Katsuyuki Ohashi
9. Masaru Yamamoto
10. Kosei Anan

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jackal Maruyama
2. Satoru Koguchi
3. Hitoshi Ohashi
4. Takehisa Nakajima
5. Kazumi Sato
6. Hiroyuki Kobayashi
7. Yasuo Azato
8. Tsutomu Itokazu
9. Hirohisa Iino
10. Kazuhiko Hirakawa

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kazumasa Tamaki
1. Koki Ishii
2. Koichi Maki
3. Tsutomu Igarashi
4. Nobuyuki Watanabe
5. Shinji Suga
6. Koki Kobayashi
7. Toshihiro Okumoto
8. Ken Kasugai
9. Goichi Oshi
10. Masaru Fuji

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Tadashi Tomori
2. Masaharu Inami
3. Guraman Ueda
4. Hiroyuki Tada
5. Katsuo Tokashiki
6. Phoenix Taniguchi
7. Puma Koya
8. Keisuke Yuguchi
9. Kazuyoshi Funaki
10. Masao Miyauchi

Japanese boxers holding world titles: Yasutsume Uehera (junior lightweight), Shoji Oguma (flyweight), Yoko Gushiken (junior flyweight).

Japanese boxers holding OPBF titles: Tadashi Mihara (junior middleweight), Ryu Fukida (junior lightweight), Royal Kobayashi (featherweight), Eiriro Murata (bantamweight).

Other Japanese boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Hikaru Tomonari (#1 WBA featherweight), YuKasahara (#8 WBA junior featherweight; #8 WBC), Syuichi Isogami (#5 WBA bantamweight; #8 WBC), Jiro Watanabe (#10 WBA junior flyweight), Shigeo Nakajima (#7 WBC junior flyweight; #9 WBA), Syuichi Hozumi (#6 WBA junior flyweight).

Andy Thomas, Swansea, 128, defeated Jeff Smart, West Ham, 129¾, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round with Smart under severe pressure. Nobbins of £49 after this one.

Winston Burnett, Cardiff, 163½, outscored Prince Wilson, Cricklewood, 162¼, over six by 60-58½, not losing a round.

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AFRICA

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CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

▲ **CAPE TOWN — Good Hope Center —** Robbie Williams, outweighed by 88 pounds, won six out of eight rounds from the ponderous Jimmy Abbott.

Williams kept in close, away from Abbott's swings, and sent the massive Jimmy's head back frequently with punches to the jaw. Abbott, who sustained a cut on his left cheek, pushed Williams down in round two, but the latter rose at once.

Wiseman Millingwana outscored Ricky Ainslie, four, middleweights. Sam "Oupa" Williams outpointed Patrick Kohli, six, lightweights. Sipho Mange outscored Herbert Plaatjies, eight, featherweights. Patrick Mbombay outpointed Matata Plaatjies, six, bantams. Dewald van der Berg kayoed Faan van Rooyen, one, light heavyweights.

Attendance—3,500.

NATAL

▲ **PIETERMARITZBURG — City Hall —** A capacity crowd welcomed boxing here as promoter Ernie Clarke gave an attractive program.

Themba "Blue Star" Buthelezi won the vacant Natal light heavyweight title by outscoring Champion Makon, 10. It was a close fight, with Buthelezi leading in the first half. Mokone launched a blistering attack in the seventh canto and looked good in the remaining rounds, but couldn't overcome Buthelezi's early lead.

Gregory Clark outpointed Joseph Zikhali, six, welterweights. Aladdin Stevens outscored Elijah Cele, six, lightweights. Jonas Malan shaded local Mark Melville, four, light heavies. Essau Dhlamini TKO'd Anton Dlamini, three, featherweights. John Dhlamini outscored Joseph Thabethe, four, middleweights. Christian Cele outpointed Temba Ntuli, four, lightweights.

▲ **DURBAN — West Ridge Tennis Stadium —** Ralph Moncrief, U.S.A., halted Gert Steyn in the seventh session of a scheduled 10-round middleweight bout. A clash of heads brought on the closure, and the doctor said Steyn was in no state to continue with blood streaming from a split eyebrow. Earlier, Steyn was cut on the head, with blood later coming from his right ear.

Moncrief relied on his stinging jab to set up the shorter Steyn, who had to come in close to score with body shots. By the third round, Moncrief brought his vicious right cross in, but, in the fourth, was forced to give ground as Steyn scored heavily with lefts. Blood from Steyn's forehead in the fifth spurred the South African to action, and he displayed fast, effective combinations. Moncrief, however, displayed nifty footwork, and kept out of trouble. He also scored well with his jab. Steyn was tiring in the sixth round, and a flurry of lefts and rights from Moncrief landed shortly before the clash of heads.

Themba "Blue Star" Buthelezi shaded late sub Mark Melville, four, light heavyweights. John Harburn outpointed Jabalani, four, in his pro debut, four rounds, middleweights. Champion Mokone shaded Willem van der Merwe, four, light heavies. Nichlos Mlaba TKO'd Johnny Lutchmanna, junior lightweights. Brian Baronet TKO'd Sipho Malinga, three, lightweights. Aladdin Stevens kayoed Koos Mofefe, four, lightweights. "Bang Bang" Makhathini outscored Joseph Thabethe, four, junior middleweights.

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MURATA—SUMALIS
OPBF Bantamweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN — Eijiro Murata, 118, retained his OPBF bantamweight title with a lopsided unanimous decision over durable Ronald Sumalis, also 118, Philippines, over 12 rounds at Korakuen Hall.

There were no knockdowns, but Murata outpunched and outsped his willing challenger all the way. Referee Paul Field (U.S.) scored the fast contest 119-111, judge Shoichi Uchida (Japan) had it 120-112, and judge Godofredo Fandialan (Philippines) carded 118-115.

Murata's record is now 17-0-2 with 10 kayoes. His greatest flaw is his lack of punching power. The clean, well-timed blows he landed on Sumalis should have finished him.

Sumalis is now 23-3-2 with six knockouts.

Southpaw Yoshitaka Ikehara, 130, Murata's stablemate, battered Ken Sogo, 128¾, and dropped his twice before referee Ken Morita called a halt at 2:02 of the second round in the scheduled 10-round affair. Ikehara is now 11-6-1 with four stoppages. Sogo is 8-20-1 with six kayoes.

Up-and-coming Naoki Kobayashi, 122, a Novice King tournament winner, halted slower Tomoki Kataya, also 122, at 2:24 of the fourth round. The loser's corner threw the towel in.

Four-rounders: Noriaki Tsuchida, 122, and Masayoshi Kashiwakura, 121, drew, four. Masaharu Owada, 129, halted Takao Ogawa, also 129, at 1:28 of the fourth session. Taijiro Niiyama, 129½, knocked out Masaru Kuwabara, 128½, in 2:06 of the third.

Kaneko Promotions.
Telecast by TBS TV of Tokyo.
Attendance—1,700.

JAPAN

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Tadashi Mihara, 153½, retained his OPBF junior middleweight title, stopping Jung-Sik Kim, 153¼, Korea, at 2:38 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12-round bout.

It was the 5'10" Mihara's fifth defense. He won the crown by knocking out Jae-Keun Yim of Korea in the fifth round on April 26, 1979.

Two-standing eight counts in the fatal ninth round didn't save the challenger. He crumbled to the canvas, and the fight, one-sided from the second session on, was over.

Referee Hiroyuki Tezaki had the fight scored 80-74 through eight rounds, while judges Shoji Nakamori and Takeo Ugo saw it 80-75 and 80-73, respectively.

Mihara, 25, is rated number one by the World Boxing Council. He's managed by former Oriental flyweight champion Hitoshi Misako.

Mihara is now 12-0 with 10 kayoes. Kim is 16-6 with seven knockouts.

Spider Nemoto, 126, retained his Japanese national featherweight title by winning a unanimous decision over southpaw Joe Tatsuki, 125, Osaka, 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 99-96; judge Shoji Nakamori, 99-93; judge Shoichi Uchida, 99-95. It was Spider's ninth defense, breaking the Japanese national record of eight held by former featherweight champion Kazuo Takayama.

Nemoto is now 37-8-2 with 10 kayoes. Tatsuki is 10-3 with six knockouts.

Hard hitting rookie Kaneatsu Yamamoto, 132¼, flattened Gen Akutsu, also 132¼, with a right in 0:58 of round three in their scheduled 10-rounder. Yamamoto is now 7-2. All six of his previous wins were via first round knockouts. He's been knocked out twice. Akutsu is 11-8-3 with four kayoes.

Four-rounders: Hiroshi Iijima, 117¾, won unanimous decision over Yuji Tanaka, 117¼. Kiyomasa Kato, 139¾, dropped slow Koji Kunigo, 139¾, for the compulsory eight-count in the first round and won by unanimous decision. Kokichi Yamamoto, 107¾, and Makoto Fujishima, also 107¾, majority draw. Nobuyuki Chisaka, 132¼, knocked out Manabu Yasuda, 135, in 1:59 of the third round. Toshitsugu Konishi, 134¼, outscored Yutala Kondo, also 134¼, in the curtain raiser.

Misako Promotions.
Fuji Television.
Attendance—1,600.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Hiroyuki Iwamoto, 122, regained the Japanese national junior featherweight title with a onesided unanimous decision over lanky Bunji Ando, 121½, 10.

Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 100-94; judges Ken Morita and Takeshi Shimakawa, both 100-93.

Iwamoto, who turned in what was probably the best performance of his career, is now 12-6-2 with three kayoes. Ando is 16-7-3 with four knockouts.

Hard punching Hiroyuki Kobayashi, 115, dropped Frazier Kaneshiro, also 115, three times for an automatic kayo at 2:55 of the first round in a scheduled eight-rounder. Kobayashi, now 8-1 with seven kayoes, has a promising future if he can increase his speed.

Fumihiro Honma, 125¼, knocked out Hideyuki Shikano, 125¾, in 1:42 of the fourth round. Honma is now 7-3-1 with three kayoes. Shikano, who used to fight under the name of Kaishu Shin, is 7-6-3 with two knockouts.

Five Novice King four-rounders made up the balance of the card. Akira Fukura, 138¾, won a shutout unanimous decision over Seiji Kashiwabuchi, 138¼, with both making their pro debuts. Tomaharu Yamamoto, 126, stretched his winning streak to 5-0 (five knockouts) by polishing off Masayuki Fukushima, 125¼, in 2:49 of the first round. Southpaw Kozaburo Ichihara, 125¼, won unanimous decision over Hiroyuki Nakane, 125. Ichihara is now 4-1 with three kayoes. Ryoji Metoki, 125¾, won unanimous decision over Yoshio Kurihara, 125. Yuzo Ota, 107½, halted taller Hidemitsu Tokuyama, 108, at 1:23 of the fourth round in the opener.

Yonekura Promotions.

TV Asahi.

Attendance—1,600.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Two semi-final junior bantamweight elimination contests headlined. The winners will meet to decide the first Japanese national 115-pound champion.

Satoshi Koguchi, 115, flattened favored Hitoshi Ohashi, also 115, with a wicked left hook to the button in 2:35 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10-rounder. Koguchi, a former amateur star who had tabbed 61 consecutive wins as a simon pure, floored his slower opponent once in the second round and twice more in the fifth.

Koguchi, 22, is now 4-1 with four knockouts. Ohashi is 9-3-1 with four kayoes. The ref was Yusaku Yoshida.

Free swinging Jackal Maruyama, 115, knocked Takenao Nakajima, also 115, down twice, causing referee Ken Morita to halt matters at 2:58 of the second session. This was their second meeting. Their first encounter ended in a draw.

Maruyama is now 14-4-2 with seven kayoes. Nakajima is 12-7-3 (and one no contest) with six knockouts.

The winners—Koguchi and Maruyama—will now meet in a championship "grudge" bout. They were stablemates until Koguchi left due to managerial problems.

Seven four-round bouts were in support. Masaaki Arima, 111¾, survived a first round knockdown and stopped Junichi Hashimoto, 112, at 1:57 of the third. Mamoru Numajiri, 157¾, eked out a majority nod (39-37), 39-38, 39-39) over Yasuo Fukutome, also 157¾. Shinji Tojo, 156¾, kayoed Shinichi Harima, 156½, in 1:25 of the second. Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto, 145, outscored Kiyofumi Takahashi, 147. Takahashi, who won the first round, is now 1-7. Shigeki Yoshino, 146½, polished off Mutsuo Narita, 145½, with a fine one-two in 2:51 of the first round. Fujio Ozaki, 139¼, won a majority decision over durable Koji Kunigo, 139. Narita is now 3-0 with two kayoes. Kozo Fukutani, 139¾, kayoed Morio Watanabe, 138½, in 2:49 of the second in the opener.

Promoted by Yonekura, JRJ Kokusai, Teiken, and Center Sports Promotions—each of which controls one of the main eventers.

Attendance—1,300.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Southpaw Noboru Ishimine, 124¾, won a majority decision over Ikuoshi Kuwabara, 125, eight.

There were no knockdowns, and the scoring was as follows: referee Paul Field (U.S.), 80-77; judge Shoich. Uchida, 79-77; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 78-78.

Six-rounders: Yoshihide Sawano, 134¼, TKO'd Seitaro Chinen, 133¼, at 2:28 of the sixth. Referee Ken Morita stopped the contest after giving Chinen two standing eight-counts. Yutaka Itoi, 134, kayoed Kazuhiro Taguchi, 133¼, with a vicious left hook in 1:26 of the second. Akiyoshi Kanda, 108, eked out a majority decision over Yoshiaki Nojima, 107¼. Scores: 60-57, 59-57, 58-58.

Four-rounders: Chiyomi Fujita, 126, made his pro debut by knocking out Yuminori Katsura, also 126, in 2:32 of the second frame. Terumi Higashihagiwara, 124¾, won a shutout unanimous decision over Susumu Asari, 126. Yuji Uchida, 111½, halted Masao Ohara in 2:16 of the second. Takamichi Yamaga, 108, outscored Noritetsu Kato, also 108. Yamaga, who was making his pro debut, compiled an amateur record of 50-5 with 23 stoppages. Unbeaten southpaw Kazuhiro Ikeda, 107¾, outpointed Moriyuki Yamauchi, 107½. Takahiro Masaki, 108, outscored Isao Kimura, 107, in the opener.

Keihin Kawasaki Promotions.

Attendance—1,800.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Former national junior middleweight champion Kenji Shibata, 160, halted rookie Sachimi Murakami, 154¼, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Referee Yusaku Yoshida stopped the mismatch at 1:38 of the session after giving Murakami a standing eight-count.

Shibata is now 25-7-4 with 15 kayoes. Murakami, 22, is 3-2 with one knockout. (Who was the matchmaker?)

Southpaw Yasuo Azato, 114, and Hirohisa Iino, 114¾, majority draw, eight. Scoring: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 78-77, Azato; judges Yusaki Yoshida and Paul Field, 78-78 and 79-79, respectively. It was one of the dullest contests of the year.

Azato is now 9-3-3 with two kayoes. Iino is 7-5-1 with two knockouts.

Six-rounders: Koji Hayakawa, 122¾, halted Tetsuro Kanzato, 123, at 2:31 of the third canto. Kazunobu Asao refereed this battle of fast southpaws. Ryutaro Otsuki, 134, knocked 37-year-old Kazuaki Yukawa, 129½, down in the first, second, and third rounds and survived Yukawa's later rallies to take a unanimous decision (59-54, 59-55, 58-55). Otsuki is 20—17 years younger than Yukawa, who is not only the oldest fighter active in Japan, but a rookie as well.

Four-rounders: Tamasaburo Yamada, 107¼, and Ikuo Watanabe, 106½, drew. All three scorecards read 39-39. Yamada was formerly a student at Hitotsubashi University. He should consider going back. Rough Miharu Muto, 134¾, won a shutout unanimous decision over Hiroshi Osumi, also 134¾. Katsuhiko Fukugomori, 117, won a majority decision over Makoto Taguchi, 118. Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi, 112, stopped Osamu Arima, also 112, at 1:52 of the third round. Kazutoshi Ishibashi, 129½, kayoed Tetsumi Kawamura, 129, in 2:44 of the first round. Makoto Fujishima, 107½, outpointed Akihiko Takaezu, 108, in the curtain raiser.

Saida Promotions.

Attendance—1,000.

▲ **OSAKA — Sakuranomiya Skating Rink —** Mitsuo Kushikino, 141, halted Yoshitaka Hinenoya, also 141, in 2:41 of the third round in a scheduled 10-round contest.

A left hook following a right uppercut to the button was the formula that worked for Kushikino. He's now 12-10 with seven kayoes.

Masahide Kitamura, 159½, stopped taller Keitoku Senrima, 158¼, at 2:16 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight-round semi-final.

Six-rounders: Shoji Okubo, 122, halted Teruo Kurokawa, 121¾, at the end of five. Masahiro Yanagiya, 111¾, and Tsutomu Kawakami, also 111¾, split draw.

Four-rounders: Sumihiro Suda, 130¾, stopped Shizuo Yamanaka, 133¾, in 1:35 of the first round. Kenji Miyagi, 124¼, was held to a split draw (39-38, 37-38, 38-38) by Kiyoto Miyata, 125, in the opener.

Promoted by Shinko Boxing Club.

Attendance—1,200.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Japanese bantamweight champion Hurricane Teru, 121½, scored his third straight kayo, finishing former national bantamweight ruler Joe Araki, 119¼, in the third round of a scheduled non-title 10.

A series of punches to the face dropped Araki in the fatal session. He beat the count, but another combination, followed by a left hook, put him down again. He made it to his feet, but then went to his corner, and referee Shoichi Uchida kept on counting—reaching "10" three seconds after the bell rang.

Teru is now 32-9-3 with 14 kayoes. Araki is 30-11-3 with 12 knockouts.

Masaru Fuji, 112¾, knocked out Yoshiyuki Shiomi, 111¾, in 2:39 of the eighth and final round. Fuji is now 17-14-1 with four knockouts. Shiomi is 10-5-1 with one kayo.

Four-rounders: Yasuo Kawauchi, 117¼, outscored Kazuyoshi Hiraki, 117½. Shin Miura, 120½, knocked out Shogo Nakajima, 120¼, in 1:27 of the first. Shuichi Yamamoto, 129, outscored Koji Yamamoto, 129½. Danny Misakio, 119¾, was held to a majority draw by Mitsuaki Kikichi, 120¾. Officially, the bout is tabbed a draw, but the right to advance to the quarterfinals of the East Japan Novice King tournament went to the more aggressive Kikuchi. Yoichi Ota, 117¼, outscored Takeshi Takemura, 118. Mitsuo Imazato, 111½, outpointed Kenji Fuse, 111¾, in the curtain raiser.

Ishikawa Promotions.

Attendance—1,200.

▲ **OSAKA — Sakuranomiya Skating Rink —** The finals of the West Japan Novice King tournament were held before a crowd of 700.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: Road Mitsuru, 107, halted Keiji Yamaguchi, 107½, at 2:34 of the first round in a scheduled six-rounder. Mitsuru is now 4-0 with three kayoes.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Kazuhiro Satoyama, 117, eked out a split decision over Kazuo Fujima, 116½, six. Scoring: double 59-57, Satoyama; 58-57, Fujima.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT: Chishu Kanayama, 120½, won a majority decision over Ryoji Fukumoto, 121½, six.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Hiroshi Urakawa, 125½, dropped Osamu Kasaya, 124¾, in the fourth and won via unanimous decision, six. Kasaya is now 3-1 with three kayoes.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: Taka Asuka, 129¼, floored So Maehara, 128, in the second and last rounds and won a unanimous decision, six. Asuka was named Best West Japan Novice King. Maehara is now 2-1 with two knockouts.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Norimasa Kakegawa, 134½, halted Hiroshi Shimizu, 132¾, at 1:02 of the third round in their scheduled sixer.

WELTERWEIGHT: Hisatomo Kitayori, 145½, managed a unanimous decision over Keiichi Nakaya, 145¼, four.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Shikeo Haku, 156½, demolished Toru Nakanishi, 159¼, in 1:37 of the first round in their scheduled four.

The Japanese Boxing Commission ordered the welterweight and middleweight contestants to fight four rounds instead of six. Kitayori, Nakaya, Haku, and Nakanishi did not have as much experience as the boxers in the lighter classes.

Promoted by Kobe Boxing Club.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Hall —** Hiroyuki (Caesar) Sasaki, 160, turned in a lacklustre performance in winning a lopsided unanimous decision over Armando Boniquit, 154¼, Philippines, 10.

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS
BY THE ORIENTAL & PACIFIC BOXING FEDERATION
(AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 1980)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (K)
1. James Callaghan (J)
2. Byun-Grae Yuh (K)
3. Masashi Kudo (J)
4. Caesar Sasaki (J)
5. Joe Willisco (P)
6. Ramon Dionisio (P)
7. Torkano Marcos (A)
8. Phil Davies (A)
9. Soo-Hang Lee (K)
10. Peter Piatmonte (P)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (J)
1. Aquilino Nicolas, Jr. (P)
2. Sang-Ho Lee (K)
3. Michihiro Horihata (J)
4. Baek-Yong Park (K)
5. Kenji Shibata (J)
6. Alberto Cruz (P)
7. Jae-Hyung Yuh (K)
8. Tae-Hwan Oh (K)
9. Naoto Suzuki (J)
10. Jung-Shik Kim (K)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chung-Jae Hwang (K)
1. Satanfa S. Pratip (T)
2. Mike de Guzman (P)
3. Chun-Sok Hwang (K)
4. Tongta Kiatvayapak (T)
5. Kwang-Yul Oh (K)
6. Dan de Guzman (P)
7. Yohi Arai (J)
8. Dynamite Matsuo (J)
9. Saensak Muangsurin (T)
10. Jun Escalera (P)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Americo (I)
1. Eduardo Heneral (P)
2. Thom Singthanongsakdi (T)
3. Minoru Sugiya (J)
4. Kyung-Hwan Chae (K)
5. Heung-Sok Yuh (K)
6. Willie Makitoki (P)
7. Petchsayarm Petcharern (T)
8. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
9. Sang-Hyun Baek (K)
10. Chong-Bae Chang (K)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Young-Ho Oh (K)
1. Jenrub Muangsurin (T)
2. Deuk-Koo Kim (K)
3. Pil-Koo Lee (K)
4. Tsunehiro Fuchiwaki (J)
5. Nak-Young Choi (K)
6. Tony Flores (P)
7. Somdej Sakdiphipus (T)
8. Dony Soriano (P)
9. Katsuhiro Okubo (J)
10. Lito Pena (P)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Fukida (J)
1. Tae-Jin Munh (K)
2. Nene Jun (P)
3. Masa Ito (J)
4. Sok-Kyu Park (K)
5. Boy Reyes (P)
6. Gen Tosa (J)
7. Larry Valesini (A)
8. Young-Sae Oh (K)
9. Tomas Bernales (P)
10. Chong-Pyo Kim (K)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Nugprachun Kiatkumchai (T)
2. Sun-Woo Chung (K)
3. Koichi Matsushima (J)
4. Dae-Hwan Lee (K)
5. Gunawan Komara (I)
6. Tenyu Maruki (J)
7. Dorn Sornsakdisith (T)
8. Joe Francisco (P)
9. Hwan-Kil Yuh (K)
10. Dedkad Kiatbunyong (T)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Soo-Hyun Chung (K)
1. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (J)
2. Sang-Jun Cha (K)
3. Dejavarin Hollywood (T)
4. Yukio Segawa (J)
5. Divino Inocian (P)
6. Chong-Woo Baek (K)
7. Ric Diamale (P)
8. Venice Borkorsor (T)
9. Chang-Kyum Kim (K)
10. Willie Lucas (P)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (J)
1. Kyung-Ju Ha (K)
2. Takashi Uezu (J)
3. Yuji Oka (J)
4. Ronaldo Sumalis (P)
5. Sang-Bong Lee (K)
6. Monkorndum Muangsurin (T)
7. Bobby Berna (P)
8. Paul Ferreri (A)
9. Chong-Soo Lee (K)
10. Henry Pepito (P)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
William Develos (P)
1. Jackal Maruyama (J)
2. Diego de Villa (P)
3. Chul-Ho Kim (K)
4. Phakthai Lipovitan D. (T)
5. Yung-Sik Kim (K)
6. Sok-Chul Bae (K)
7. Hitoshi Ohashi (J)
8. Saifa S. Phayathai (T)
9. Ali Baba Luklongtan (T)
10. Danilo Inocian (P)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hong-Soo Yang (K)
1. Kap-Chul Shin (K)
2. Kazumasa Tamaki (J)
3. Frank Cedeno (P)
4. Kwang-Sop Kim (K)
5. Dan Pisalchai (T)
6. Dommy Pumar (P)
7. Koichi Maki (J)
8. Monsayarm H. Mahachai (T)
9. Syuichi Hozumi (J)
10. Yuon-Hee Kim (K)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Yong-Hyun Kim (K)
1. Siony Carupo (P)
2. Soon-Yun Mah (P)
3. Chukthep Chuvatana (T)
4. Tadashi Tomori (J)
5. Mannaseh Base (P)
6. Chong-Chul Park (K)
7. Srithuncha Sithsanae (T)
8. Masaharu Inami (J)
9. Juanito Ablaca (P)
10. Ric Marimbad (P)

Legend: (A) Australia; (I) Indonesia; (J) Japan; (K) Korea; (P) Philippines; (T) Thailand.
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KOREAN RATINGS
BY THE KOREAN BOXING COMMISSION
(AS OF NOVEMBER 3, 1980)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Byun-Grae Yuh
1. Soo-Hang Lee
2. Tae-Sik Kim
3. Young-Kil Chang
4. Ik-Sang Han
5. Ki-Yong Kim
6. Chi-Keun Song
7. Chong-Chul Kim

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang-Ho Lee
1. Baek-Yong Park
2. Tae-Hwan Oh
3. Yung-Sil Chung
4. Jung-Sik Kim
5. Jung-Yul Lee
6. Seo Sok
7. Byung-Woon Chang

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chun-Sok Hwang
1. Kwang-Yul Oh
2. Jae-Hyung Yuh
3. Chong-Bae Chang
4. Hyung-Dok Choi
5. Jae-Wook Kim
6. Sang-Kon Lee
7. Sok-Soo Song

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Kyung-Hwan Chae
1. Heung-Sok Yuh
2. Sang-Hyun Baek
3. Chong-Ho Kim
4. Dong-Bok Lee
5. Yong-Dae Kim
6. Bok-Dong Chang
7. Tae-Hun Park
8. Myung-Kyu Chung
9. Jin-Nam Kim

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Pil-Koo Lee
1. Nak-Yung Choi
2. Young-Sae Oh
3. Deuk-Koo Kim
4. Hong-Kyu Lim
5. Ki-Hun Kwak
6. Chong-Ki Nah
7. Hyun-Man Kim
8. Chong-Sil Lee
9. Eung-Man Lee
10. Jung-Kwon Kang

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Tae-Jin Munh
1. Sok-Kyu Park
2. Chong-Pyo Kim
3. Wan-Chul Kim
4. Kyung-Soo Hong
5. Jae-Eun Lee
6. Seo-Haeng Lee
7. Woon-Chul Shin
8. Chong-Kil Chung
9. Soo-Keun Lee
10. Hyo-Sung Kim

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Sun-Woo Chung
1. Dae-Hwan Lee
2. Hwan-Kil Yuh
3. Wook-Won Lee
4. Ahn Hyun
5. Young-Pil Lee
6. Sok-Tae Yuhn
7. Dong-Chang Lee
8. Dong-Soo Cha
9. Tae-Yul Lee
10. Chang-Dok Han

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Woo Baek
1. Sang-Jun Cha
2. Chan-Kyum Kim
3. Bon-Goh Yang
4. Don-Grae Lim
5. Jae-Ook Kim
6. Sok-Jong Yun
7. Ki-Young Jung
8. Young-Ho Lee
9. Chong-Oh Kim
10. Min-Keun Oh

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kyung-Ju Ha
1. Sang-Bong Lee
2. Song-In Suh
3. Myun-Gan Munh
4. Chong-Soo Lee
5. Kang-San Lee
6. Dok-Hwan Bae
7. Sang-Yul Ahn
8. Young-Hi Kim
9. Young-Hwan Oh
10. Jae-Bum Ko

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Chol-Ho Kim
1. Sok-Chul Bae
2. Mun-Kyun Joo
3. Il-Song Choi
4. Jung-Keun Choi
5. In-Am Lim
6. Byun-Gup Lee
7. Jae-Myung Choi
8. Jung-Sok Jang
9. Tae-Sang Chun

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kap-Chul Shin
1. Kwang-Sop Kim
2. Yuon-Hee Kim
3. Kwang-Sok Lee
4. Ja-Ho Cho
5. Si-Ho Yoo
6. Jae-Hun Kim
7. Chin-Hyun Cho
8. Dae-Chun Park
9. Yong-Dok Choi
10. Ik-Kyum Kim

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Soon-Yun Mah
1. Chong-Chul Park
2. Chi-Bok Kim
3. Tae-Kwon Choi
4. In-Wan Hwang
5. Mun-Jin Choi
6. Chang-Pyo Hong
7. Chung-Il Han
8. Yung-Hwan Cho
9. Jung-Sool Park
10. Chul-Yong Park

Korean boxers holding world titles: Tae-Shik Kim (WBA flyweight).

Korean boxers holding OPBF titles: Chong-Pal Park (middleweight), Chung-Jae Hwang (welterweight), Young-Ho Oh (lightweight), Soo-Hyun Chung (junior featherweight), Hong-Soo Yang (flyweight), Young-Hyun Kim (junior flyweight).

Other Korean boxers rated by world boxing organizations: Sang-Hyun Kim (#3 WBC junior welterweight), Kwang-Min Kim (#5 WBC lightweight), Chung-Il Choi (#8 WBC junior lightweight; #9 WBA), Il-Bok Lee (#2 WBA junior lightweight), Yung-Sik Kim (#8 WBC junior bantamweight), Chan-Hee Park (#3 WBC flyweight; #7 WBA), Sung-Jun Kim (#4 WBA flyweight; #8 WBC), Hwan-Jin Kim (#1 WBA junior flyweight; #8 WBC), Song-Nam Kim (#8 WBA junior flyweight).

Referee Takeshi Shimakawa scored it 100-93, judge Yusaku Yoshida had it 99-93, and judge Kodai Kumazaki carded 100-94. The 6'½" Sasaki is still undefeated.

Yoshimitsu Azato won a popular majority decision over Katsuji Sano, 125¼, 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 98-96; judge Takeshi Shimakawa, 98-97; judge Hiroyuki Tezaki, 98-98.

Six-rounders: Yoshikazu Hasegawa, 118, won a majority decision over Koji Kato, 117½. Masahiro Takagi, 126, halted Katsuji Kudo, 125¾, at 1:57 of the third.

Four-rounders: Ryuji Tanimura, 109¾, made his pro debut by winning a shutout unanimous decision over Kazutaka Ito, 107¾. Mutsuo Watanabe, 111¾, won unanimous decision over Masafumi Akabori, 112. (All three scorecards read 40-38.) Yasuo Hasegawa, 134, stopped Tsunemitsu Nonomura, 134¼, with body punches in 1:46 of the fourth. Keiji Kawamura, 122, outscored Takao Motegi, 121½. Masahide Ikehara, 121½, outpointed Mitsuru Kawasaki, 122, in the opener.

Co-promoted by JRJ Kokusai and King Promotions.

Attendance—1,600.

▲ TOKYO — Korakuen Hall — Fast-moving Ryu Fukida, 129¾, retained his OPBF junior lightweight crown with a popular split decision over Rey Tam, 130, Philippines, 12.

Referee Paul Field (U.S.) and judge Ken Morita (Japan) gave their ballots to Fukida, 117-116 and 117-114, respectively, while judge Godofredo Fandialan (Philippines) had it 117-115 for his countryman.

A well-timed right hand decked Fukida in the second round. The southpaw champ got up at once, but lost the frame.

Fukida is now 18-0-1 with 10 kayoes. Tam is 33-5 with 16 knockouts.

Former Japanese national bantamweight champion Hitoshi Ishigaki, 122, flattened Masaru Yamamoto, 121¼, in 0:54 of the fourth round in the 10-round semi-final.

Ishigaki is now 8-2 with six kayoes. Yamamoto is 9-5-2 with seven stoppages.

Narutoshi Wachi, 126, outscored Seiichi Tanioka, also 126, four.

Four other four-rounders made up the balance of the card.

▲ YOKKAICHI — City Gymnasium — The finals of the Central Japan Novice King tournament were held before a crowd of 1,000.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT: Yasuo Tsunekawa, 106, TKO'd Koichi Kitamura, also 106, in the first round of a scheduled six. Referee Koichi Ushida stepped in after Kitamura was dropped twice. It was Tsunekawa's second kayo victory in two pro outings.

FLYWEIGHT: Yasuhiro Kinoshita, outscored Yoshinori Kamiyama, 110, six.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Mitsuaki Kuribayashi, 117¼, outpointed Takaro Okuyama, also 117¼, six. Kirubayashi is now 3-0 (no knockouts).

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT: Clever Hiroaki Kato, 122, outscored mediocre Yoshiaki Takemoto, 121½, six. Kato, who was 12-6 as an amateur, was fighting his second pro bout.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Shinji Nimura, 125¼, halted Shogo Kono, 125, at 1:24 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: Masaji Ota, 129½, came off the canvas in the second round and eked out a split decision over Fumio Nada, 128½, six.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Hard hitting Takashi Otsuka, 132, swarmed over Kiyotaka Ono, 133¼, floored him twice, and forced referee Takeshi Makimura to intervene at 1:04 of the second session in the scheduled four-rounder.

WELTERWEIGHT: Noboru Kawaguchi, 145¾, kayoed Shunji Takabayashi, 145, in 2:16 of round two in their scheduled six-rounder.

The Best Novice King award went to junior featherweight Hiroaki Kato, who should have a bright future if he can increase his punching power.

The Fighting Spirit Award went to junior lightweight Msaji Ota, a 32-year-old rookie.

Presented by Central Japan *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) Committee.

▲ TSURUGA — City Gymnasium — Takeshi Go, 129¼, outscored Takeshi Fukui, 130, in the 10-round main event.

Kazumi Nakao, 144½, won unanimous decision over Yoshikazu Nakao, 145¾, eight.

Four-rounders: Hiroaki Kato, 119¼, outpointed Masato Kawai, 119½. Yasuhiro Kinoshita, 109¾, halted Nobuo Higuchi, 110½, at 0:48 of the third. Fumio Nada, 128½, knocked out Niyoshi Nonaka, 127½, in 1:04 of the second. Shinji Nimura, 123¾, outscored Kitaro Nakajima, 124. Koji Otsuka, 130½, stopped Hattari Obata, 133¼, in 0:59 of the first.

Hokuriku Ishimaru Promotions.

Attendance—1,500.

KOREA

▲ SEOUL — Changchung Stadium — Hard hitting Chong-Pal Park, 158½, the WBA's fourth ranked middleweight, retained his OPBF title by stopping Torkano Marcos, 159½, in the fifth canto. Three knockdowns—the results of straight right hands—brought about an automatic kayo at 1:29 of the session.

It was Park's 13th straight kayo and his fifth defense. He's now 16-1-1 with 15 knockouts.

Marcos, the first Australian to fight for the OPBF title, is a 26-year-old southpaw.

OPBF welterweight ruler Chung-Jae Hwang, 146, knocked Filipino Eddie (Boy) Oposa, 145½, down thrice and finished him at 2:08 of the fourth session. Hwang is now 11-0 with nine knockouts. It was his third title defense.

Dongah Promotions.

▲ SEOUL — Munhwa Stadium — Former WBC junior welterweight champion Sang-Hyun Kim returned to action after an eight-month lay-off and won a unanimous decision over Kwang-Min Kim, 140¾, 10.

Kwang-Min was the WBC's fifth ranked lightweight, but the former champ outclassed him all the way. There were no knockdowns.

Sang-Hyun is now 31-3-2 with 19 knockouts.

Kyung-Hwan Chae, 139½, won the Korean national junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Dong-Bok Lee, 139½, 10.

Chong-Pyo Kim, 132¼, won unanimous decision over In-Kyu Park, 131¾, 10.

Keukdong Promotions.

▲ SEOUL — Munhwa Stadium — Former WBC junior flyweight champ Sung-Jun Kim, 113½, returned to the ring and won a unanimous duke over Filipino southpaw Arnel Arrozal, 118½, 10.

Kwang-Sop Kim, 116½, Korea's top ranked flyweight contender, won unanimous decision over Rene Busayong, 114½, 10.

Chul-Ho Kim, 114¾, retained his Korean national junior bantamweight title, halting Chung-Keun Choi, also 114¾, in the second session of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Keukdong Promotions.

▲ SEOUL — Munhwa Stadium — Jun-Sok Hwang won the Korean national welterweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Jae-Hyung Yuh, younger brother of former world junior middleweight champion Jae-Do Yuh, 10.

Yung-Sae Oh, 135½, Korea's second ranked lightweight contender, halted Filipino import Mar Simbajon, 134¼, in the third round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Saeki Promotions.

▲ BUNCHUN CITY — Chong-Woo Baek, 121¼, retained his Korean national junior featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Yung-Ho Lee, 122, the KBC's eighth ranked contender, 10.

▲ SEOUL — Munhwa Stadium — Soon-Yun Mah, 106, won the vacant national junior flyweight crown with a unanimous decision over In-Hwan Hwang, 107¼, 10.

Sok-Chul Bae, 117½, halted Kazumi Sato, 117¾, in the fourth round of another scheduled 10.

Waroung Promotions.

▲ SEOUL — Mar Simbajon, 139¼, Philippines, halted Taek-Dong Chung, also 139¼, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-round main event.

Saeki Promotions.

PHILIPPINES

▲ DAVAO CITY — Filipino national junior featherweight champion Rick Diamale brought his weight down to 118 and fought a special non-title bout with national junior bantamweight leader Diego de Villa. Diamale won via unanimous decision, 10, showing superior ringcraft.

Henry Pepito, 118, won unanimous decision over Rene Maglinte, also 118, 10.

Agustin Garcia, promoter.

▲ QUEZON CITY — Araneta Coliseum — Dorn Sornsakdisith, 131½, Thailand, won unanimous decision over Korean national junior lightweight champion Nene Jun, also 131½, 10.

Ric Diamale, 120½, won unanimous decision over Sandy Noora, 121½, 10. Diamale's victories over Diego de Villa and Noora brought him the Philippines' Games and Amusements Board's designation as "Fighter of the Month."

Nick Caputol, 131½, earned a majority decision over Eddie Cejas, 133, 10.

Manny Secay, 123, won unanimous decision over Flor Tampos, 124, 10.

Agustin Garcia, promoter.

▲ CAG. DE ORO CITY — Flash Jagdon, 115, the GAB's third ranked junior bantamweight, won unanimous decision over national junior bantam ruler Diego de Villa, 114, 10. In the Philippines, a champion does not lose his title unless the contract stipulates the contest as a title bout—even if both contestants are under the division limit. Diego keeps his crown, but Flash may get a rematch—with the title on the line. It was a bad month for de Villa. First the loss to Diamale, and then Jagdon.

Jun Garcia, 112, was held to a majority draw by Cris Maratas, also 112, 10.

Fiorentino Uba, promoter.

▲ DAVAO CITY — Korean national bantamweight champion Ronald Sumalis, 121½, won a unanimous decision over Bill Abrogar, also 121½, 10.

Antonio Partoza, Jr., promoter.

▲ CAG. DE ORO CITY — Southpaw Siony Carupo, 115½, the Filipino national junior flyweight champion, won a unanimous decision over Danilo Inocian, 119, 10.

Divino Inocian, 129¼, won a unanimous duke over Jun Escalera, also 129¼, 10.

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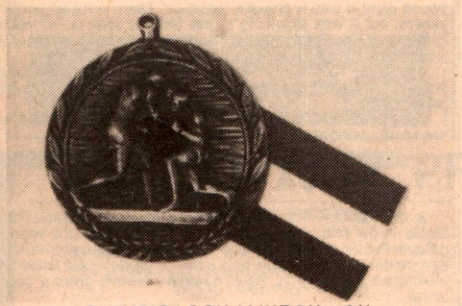

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David Tacadong, promoter.

▲ **QUEZON CITY — Araneta Coliseum —** Filipino junior welterweight kingpin Edward Heneral, 139, won a unanimous decision over Petchsayarm Petcharern, also 139, 10. Petcharern is a cousin of Saensak Muangsurin.

Former OPBF welterweight champion Dan de Guzman, 147½, a southpaw, knocked out Kanichiro Takase, 145, Japan, another lefty, with a wicked left uppercut to the body in the second round of their scheduled 10.

Nardo Calugay, 110, won unanimous nod over Teo Montejo, also 110, 10.

Tomas Bernales, 129, outpointed Albert Saxon, 128, 10.

A heavy squall kept the attendance down to 3,500. The Coliseum holds 20,000.

Paciencia Hitosis, promoter.

▲ **PAMPANGA — Magalang Gymnasium —** Filipino welterweight kingpin Mike de Guzman, 147½, won a unanimous decision over Erning Marin, 146, 10 rounds, non-title.

Erfen Nazal, promoter.

▲ **BUKIDNON — Valencia Gymnasium —** Bill Abrogar, 120, the GAB's third ranked junior featherweight, earned a unanimous decision over Sammy Insular, also 120, 10.

Nardito Adrayan, 136, won a majority decision over Jaime Enriquez, 130, 10.

Gar Atayde, 141, won a unanimous decision over Romeo Sajonia, 140, in the first 10-rounder.

Isabel Bacolod, promoter.

▲ **BAGUIO CITY —** Veteran southpaw Rey Tam, 132, the WBC's third ranked junior lightweight, gave Romeo Olivetti, also 132, a boxing lesson and copped a unanimous nod after 10.

Joval de Rama, 127, won a unanimous decision over Dado Bersabal, also 127, 10.

Roland Mendoza, promoter.

▲ **ANGELS CITY —** Veteran Arnel Arrozal, 118, won a unanimous verdict over Billy Abato, 117, 10. This was a rematch.

Young de la Cruz, 136, polished off Rocky Anobling, 137, in the first round of their scheduled 10.

Eddie Miral, 120, took a majority nod over Morris Pastor, 118, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY —** Robinson Garcia, 120, TKO'd Ali Granada, 119¼, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round main event. Nacias Francisco, 127, TKO'd Jerry Escolano, 126, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.

Antonio Almirante, promoter.

▲ **QUEZON CITY — Araneta Coliseum —** Gener Cruz, 124½, the GAB's third ranked featherweight, won a majority decision over Glen Orlanez, 123½, 10.

Antonio Garcia, promoter.

▲ **BUTAN CITY —** Dede Suaybaguio, 117½, TKO'd Renato Paulino, 119, in the fourth frame of their scheduled 10-round main event.

Sonny Carupo, 126, and Antonio Baja, 126, tech draw, 10.

Carlito Balacuit, promoter.

▲ **CAMARINES NORTE —** Allen Jardenil, 115, scored a unanimous decision over Rodrigo Saonoy, 114, 10.

Felixberto Jarnenil, promoter.

▲ **BAGUIO CITY —** Rod Sequenan, 129¾, the BAG's fifth ranked junior lightweight, was held to a split draw by Francis Camatagan, 130¼, 10.

Johnny Tam, 141, TKO'd Tony Pastrana, 139½, in the fifth round of their 10-round semi-final.

Albert Villalon, promoter.

▲ **MANILA —** Henry Balina, 111, TKO'd Lennon Arcega, in the seventh session of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Ramon Lainez, promoter.

▲ **ANGELS CITY —** Boy Reyes, 131, the GAB's top junior lightweight contender, TKO'd May (Boy) Toyogon, 130, in the sixth frame of their scheduled 10. Toyogon, the former national champ, is past his prime.

Dony Soriano, 136, outscored old soldier Fred Pastor, 137, 10.

Efren Nazal, promoter.

▲ **MANILA — Rizal Memorial Coliseum —** Six 10-rounders were on the program.

Romy Cunanan, 128, won unanimous decision over Willie Espinosa, 128½.

Fel Viesca, Jr., 127, earned unanimous verdict over Ador Seguin, also 127.

Dommy Pumar, 112¼, was a unanimous points winner over Rodrigo Saonoy, 113.

Veteran Alberto Cruz, 148, outpointed Fred Pastor, also 148.

Fel Malatag, 115, outscored Pablo Pepito, 117, in the first 10-rounder.

Tomasa Pamilosa, promoter.

THAILAND

▲ **NAKHON SAWAN — Jirapravat Stadium —** Saensak Muangsurin is back! He didn't look sharp against Mike de Guzman in the first two rounds, but Saensak, a slow starter anyway, took the fourth frame with good combos. In the fifth round he went for the kill, and a barrage of punches forced ref Vichien Sathanondchai to give Mike a standing eight-count. De Guzman didn't want to fight anymore at that point, so the referee continued counting, reaching "10" at 2:30 of the session.

Muangsurin is now 14-3 with 10 kayoes.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Lefty Somdez Sakdiphipus, 135, the Thai Boxing Commission's top lightweight contender, pounded out a unanimous decision over veteran Rakchart Kiatvayuphakdi, also 135, six.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Pongpun Sorphayathai, 126, the TBC's fifth ranked junior featherweight, halted Arnothai Sakboonma, also 126, in the second round of their scheduled six-round mismatch.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Wonchai Sorpenpis, 110, won an upset verdict over southpaw Ratanachai Punvit, 112, the TBC's second ranked flyweight, six. Sorpenpis had been rated second.

▲ **BANGKOK — Rajadamnern Stadium —** Achen Sukothai, 117, a hard hitter and the TBC's fifth ranked junior bantam, knocked out rookie Yuthana Kiatpermsub, also 117, in the fifth round of their scheduled six-rounder.

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **LIDCOMBE — Dancers Club —** Steve Ball, 112, retained his Australian flyweight crown by halting Pedro Solo, also 112, in the 13th round of the best fight this reporter has seen in Australia in the last two and a half years.

Solo is built—and fights—like a miniature tank, but the smarter boxing Bell eventually pierced his armor.

Solo easily won the first round, as he swarmed all over Bell, but it was the only session Pedro won. Bell warmed to his task as round followed round, and, although Pedro still followed the aggressive role, he ran into a lot of trouble from the sharp shooting champion. It was the matador vs. the bull, and the matador won.

A perfectly timed right to the jaw in the fourth frame dropped Solo in a heap. He somehow beat the fatal 10, but was defending desperately for the remainder of the round. By the end of the 12th, Solo was in obvious distress, and when, early in the 13th, he was backed into the ropes, unable to hit back, his corner capitulated.

Steve Bell, undoubtedly, is world class, with very good boxing ability, a shrewd boxing brain, and perfect coolness.

Peter Tasiyan, 141, kayoed Alf Benvenuti, 140, in the third round of a scheduled six-rounder.

▲ **MARRICKVILLE — R.S.L. Club —** Australian junior welterweight champion Jeff Malcolm, 144¾, outpointed Joe Nitiva, 149½, Fiji, 10, but it was not one of Jeff's better efforts. There was nothing in the contest in the first five rounds, but Malcolm took charge from the sixth to gain his win.

Kirk Blair, 138¾, outscored Steve Assang, 142½, eight.

Ritchie Roberts, 158, outpointed Lou Cruz, 154, six.

▲ **SUTHERLAND — United Services Club —** Sparrow Freeman, 126, the "shower king" of Australian boxing, halted Patrick Young, 127, after four slam bang sessions of action. Young, worn out, retired in his corner.

Six-rounders: Ken Norris, 163, outpointed Tony Fotia, 160. Calby Barkell, 148, outscored Steve Campbell, 154.

Transplanted Englishman Ken Salisbury, 155, and Benny Tabua, 154, Fiji, who also lives in Australia, turned on plenty of action, with Salisbury wearing out Tabua. Referee Dal Conway went to Tabua's corner at the end of the ninth round. He then crowned Salisbury.

Six-rounders: Eric King, 160, and Con O'Connor, 161, drew. Mark Branxton, 210, kayoed Gary Fuller, 212, in the first. Joe Burruni, 168, outpointed Semi Finau, 166.

The U.S.C. continues to draw capacity houses with its monthly promotions.

▲ **CARDIFF — Workers Club —** Former Australian flyweight champion Charlie Brown, 118, outpointed Patrick Burns, also 118, in a 10-round fighter vs. boxer affair. Brown is the fighter.

Jamie Lewis, 152, outscored Dawsie Kelly, 144, eight.

Four-rounders: Al Hallett, 149, outpointed Robert Bing. Willie Drinkwater, 160, outscored Terry Clayton, 152. Wayne Tindall, 134, outpointed Bob Talbot, 138. Wayne O'Donnell, 131, halted Gary Grimson, 134, in the first round.

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD — Community Club —** Gary Williams, heavy at 133, had no trouble with combacking Barry Townsend, also 133. The scheduled 10-round fight was stopped in the sixth canto.

Tony Fotia, 158, stopped Buddy Nixon, 154, in the fourth frame of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Four-rounders: Willie Drinkwater, 157, knocked out Sam Parsons, 154, in the fourth. Al Hallett, 154, and Paul Gray, 156, drew. Joe Burruni, 166, outpointed Jim Caru, 168.

▲ **CRONULLA — Labor & Workingmen's Club —** Two eight-rounders headlined. Both were good; both drew showers.

NSW State bantamweight champion Wayne Mulholland, 119, comfortably outpointed Steve Walker, 124. Jim Bowen, 121, decked Bimbo Morris, 125, twice on the way to a solid points conquest.

▲ **KINGSFORD — South Sydney Junior Leagues Club —** Ken Morris, 163, outpointed Tony Fotia, 160, eight.

Six-rounders: Semi Finau, 165, outscored Eric King, 163. Elley Parker, 146, outpointed Steve Campbell, 152.

Sparrow Freeman, 126, outscored Lou Williams, 128, four.

▲ **KINGSFORD — South Sydney Junior Leagues Club —** Clint Brown, 152, turned in his best performance in some time, outpointing Lou Cruz, 153, eight rounds.

Six-rounders: Semi Finau, 168, outpointed Joe Burruni, also 168. Mick Ambrose, 166, outscored Eric King, 163.

Fours: Sparrow Freeman, 128, outpointed Lou Williams, also 128. Steve Campbell, 154, outscored Ray Kelly, also 154.

The Club continues to promote every two weeks, with capacity or near capacity houses.

▲ **GOSFORD — Central Coast Leagues Club —** NSW State lightweight champion Willi Tarika, 138, outpointed Mick Binnie, 141, 10. It was a very good fight, and was rewarded with a shower of coins and notes. Referee Dal Conway's scorecard showed a margin of four points at the finish. Tarika will challenge Barry Michael for the latter's Australian title in January.

Six-rounders: Semi-Finau, 168, outpointed Eric King, 165. Calby Barkell, 151, outscored Steve Campbell, 158.

Fours: Cracker Butcher, 144, kayoed Ronnie Singh, 146, in the first round. Mark Branxton, 208, stopped Hughie Taggart, 206, in one.

▲ **BROOKVALE — Manly-Warringah Leagues Club —** Roy Hughes, 129, won a narrow points decision over Billy Connelly, 131, in a good eight-rounder.

Six-rounders: Gary Rosen, 139, and Paul Baker, 140, drew. Sparrow Freeman, 126, outscored Patrick Young, 127.

Frank Carson, 122, outpointed Lou Williams, 127, five.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

▲ **DARWIN —** In the first pro boxing show put on here in some time, Paul Ferreri, 129½, retained his Australian junior lightweight crown by knocking out Dennis Talbot, 130, in the sixth round. This was also the first national title bout staged here in 18 years. It was a good bout, with the champion the likely winner from the start.

Ferreri holds the Australian bantamweight and feather titles, too. He's at his best as a feather, and should be in the world ratings. He'd give Sanchez or Pedroza quite a shake.

Hans Hefner, 136, stopped Steve Pike, 134, in five. An injured hand forced Pike's retirement. The bout was scheduled for eight.

VICTORIA

▲ **PRESTON — Town Hall —** Andy Broome, 140, was always in charge of Manny Benson, 142, who withdrew at the end of five rounds with an injured hand. It was scheduled for 10. The prelims were all amateur contests.

▲ **FRANKSTON — Technical College Basketball Hall —** Three scheduled 10-rounders decided three vacant Victoria State titles.

Darryl Carrick, 148, stopped Manny Benson, 149, in the fifth for the junior middleweight title. Peter Lund, 155, halted George Saxon, 160, in the fifth round on an eye injury for the middle throne. Rocky Vilella, 140, outpointed Kid Preston, also 140, for the junior welter crown.

Russell Walker, 132, and Hanza Okanlar, 135, drew, four.

QUEENSLAND

▲ **BRISBANE — Festival Hall —** Two 10-rounders were the only pro bouts on the bill.

Dave Edwards, 156, outscored Neil Pattel, 152. Brian Janssen, 135, knocked out hard punching Ken Patterson, 140, in the third. Janssen, 17, is undefeated. Patterson was down twice in the second and twice in the third.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

▲ **PARAFIELD —** Laurie Mack, 160, outpointed NSW junior middleweight champion Rocky Ward, 154, 10.

Eight-rounders: Tony Noone, 152, of NSW, outscored South Australian Kevin Franklin, 149. Des Pearce, 128, South Australia, making a comeback after more than two years of inactivity, outpointed NSW feather Johnny Duff, 124.

NEW ZEALAND

▲ **AUCKLAND —** Gary Williams, 129½, Australia, won a shutout decision over New Zealand featherweight champion Jeff Smith, 131½, 10.

▲ **AUCKLAND —** Steve Aczel, 189, Australia, was far too good for Young Sekona, 210, who was making a comeback after some three years. Aczel was ahead all the way, and from round eight it was a one-way passage. There were no knockdowns, but it was sickening to see Sekona soak up so much punishment over the last four sessions. The bout was finally stopped at 2:20 of the 12th and final round.

Alex Sua, 176, New Zealand, knocked out Tongon Atelea Kaiher, 174¾, in 0:38 of the first round in a scheduled 10-round affair.

Fred Tafua, 154, kayoed Australian Buddy Nixon, also 154, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

▲ **BOROKO —** Robert Namana, a local, halted Aussie Paul Baker in the fifth on a cut eye. This was billed for the vacant "South Pacific lightweight title," though how Baker fits into this is a matter for speculation; he's a few rungs down the ladder of Australian lightweights. Paul, however, always gives a good show.

▲ **BOUGAINVILLE —** Australian welter Elley Parker outscored local Francis Bale.

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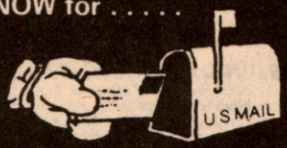

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ken Norton decisioned Randall Cobb, 10
James "Quick" Tillis kayoed Domingo D'Elia, 4
John L. Gardner halted Lorenzo Zanon, 5
Renaldo Snipes stopped Malik Dozier, 5
Lorenzo Zanon kayoed Lupe Guerra, 3
Monte Masters knocked out Charles Atlas, 4
Trevor Berbick iced Chuck Findlay, 1
Steve Zouski decisioned Johnny Warr, 10
Jeff Sims stopped Grady Daniels, 2
Ken Lakusta halted Craig Henderson, 3
Grady Daniels outscored Johnny Townsend, 8
Conroy Nelson beat Leroy Caldwell, 10
Leroy Caldwell decisioned Randy Mack, 10
Lynn Ball outpointed Jody Ballard, 10
Tony Tubbs beat Ron Draper, 6
Tony Tubbs chilled John L. Johnson, 1
Mitch Green halted Johnny Pitts, 3
Luis Acosta stopped Gilberto Acuna, 4
Scott Frank iced Randy Willis, 1
Larry Frazier halted Terry Krueger, 3

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Matthew Saad Muhammad kayoed Lotte Mwale, 4
(Retained World Title)
Eddie Mustafa Muhammad stopped Rudi Koopmans, 3
(Retained WBA Title)
Carlos DeLeon decisioned Marvin Camel, 15
(Won WBC Cruiserweight Title)
Mike Rossman decisioned Luke Capuano, 10
Yaqui Lopez halted Carl Ivy, 3
Dwight Braxton knocked out Tony Mesoraca, 6
Jerry Martin halted Otis Gordon, 7
Bashiru Ali outpointed Jesse Burnett, 12
Hocine Tafer decisioned Dave Conteh, 10
Trevor Cattouse and Rupert Christie drew, 8
Alex Tompkins halted Rupert Christie, 6
Marcus Jackson stopped Ray James, 2
Lem McLittle decisioned Billy Hollis, 8

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Fulgencio Obel halted Leroy Green, 3
Caveman Lee stopped Jaime Thomas, 2
Mickey Goodwin kayoed Herman Barrientes, 3
Lindell Holmes halted Sammy Floyd, 4
Andoni Amana beat Saensak Muangsurin, 10
Roy Gumbs stopped Al Styles, 2
Ralph Hollett halted Danny Jones, 8
Bernard Mays beat Clifford Willis, 10
Bernard Mays stopped Tonce Orete, 3
Jeff Stoudemire iced Ron Ayers, 1
Alex Ramos kayoed Johnny Davis, 4
Martin Nee outpointed Derek Simpkin, 8
Robbie Smith stopped Casley McCallum, 2
Terance Makaluza decisioned Volfart Rala, 10
Carl Crowley beat Jeff Madison, 8
Ellis Betts decisioned Charles Peterson, 8
Steve Small outscored Ralph Mifka, 8
Robbie Sims halted Robert Thomas, 4
Wayne Caplette stopped Doug Demmings, 4

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Maurice Hope decisioned Carlos Herrera, 15
(Retained WBC Title)
Jerry Cheatham outpointed Jose Figueroa, 10
Tony Ayala, Jr. kayoed Lester Groves, 2
Mark Medal stopped Ricky Johnson, 2
Neil Fannan beat Terry Petersen, 8
Jimmy Batten outpointed George Walker, 8
Dave Douglas decisioned Gary Newell, 8
Mickey Mapp outscored Achille Mitchell, 8
Joe Tiberi halted Fernando Fernandez, 5
Don Johnson decisioned Jim Henry, 8
Kevin Perry stopped Buster Drayton, 3
Claude Martin beat Horace McKenzie, 10
Chris Linson halted Joey Robles, 10
Victor Martinez kayoed Chuy Rodriguez, 3
Bushy Bester beat Steve Delgado

WELTERWEIGHTS

Sugar Ray Leonard stopped Roberto Duran, 8
(Regained World Title)
Thomas Hearns kayoed Luis Primera, 6
(Retained WBA Title)
Frank Ropis halted Hector Thompson, 12
(Retained Australian Title)
Steve Hearon stopped Alex Contreras, 3
Steve McLeod beat Liam Linnen, 8
Jimmy Heair kayoed Robert Culp, 2
Rene Pagan outscored Ramon Gonzales, 8
Ambika Prasad stopped Buddy Nixon, 8
Ian Murray decisioned Mike Clemow, 8
Michael Parson outpointed Eddie Marcelle, 15
(Won Trinidad and Tobago Titles)
Kevin Rooney beat Jeff Passero, 8
Fitzroy Guissippi decisioned Rudolpho Valero, 10
Johnny Compo outpointed Bruce Strauss, 8
Milton McCrory iced Raul Aguirre, 1
Marlon Starling kayoed Dave Bolden, 3
Noberto Figueroa beat Marcus Starks, 6
Marlon Starling outscored Curtis Taylor, 10
Johnny Compo decisioned Juan Torrez, 8
Milton McCrory iced William Hodges, 1
Kirkland Laing beat Joey Singleton
Wellington Wheatley outscored Carlos Mejia, 12
Ken Croom iced Jose Santana, 1
Roger Stafford beat Tony Suero, 10

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Aaron Pryor stopped Gaetan Hart, 6
(Retained World Title)
Dujuan Johnson outpointed Miguel Montilla, 10
Jaime Nava beat Frankie Moultrie, 10
Pedro Acosta stopped Carlos Gonzalez, 3
Bramley Whiteboy decisioned Peter Kanie, 10
Adey Allen beat Kevin Walsh, 8
Alan Lamb stopped Fred Roelands, 2
Eric Wood outpointed George Peacock, 8
Johnny Bumphus kayoed Kenneth Long, 1
Sid Smith halted Davey Campbell, 2
Ben Stiff stopped Simmie Black, 6
Papo Figueroa beat Manny Madera, 10
Hedgeman Robertson decisioned Jaime Nava, 8

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Hilmer Kenty outscored Vilomar Fernandez, 15
(Retained WBA Title)
Howard Davis, Jr. decisioned Johnny Lira, 10
Alexis Arguello outpointed Jose Luis Ramirez, 10
Frank Newton stopped Johnny Copeland, 7
Davey Armstrong kayoed Eddie Murry, 2
Claude Noel beat Johnny Summerhays, 10
Cocoa Sanchez decisioned Marco Barahona, 10
Duncan Hamilton knocked out Ray Ross, 6
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John Verderosa stopped Felix Perez, 7
Jimmy McMillan and Lance Taylor drew, 10
Leroy Hardiman decisioned Henry Fever, 10
John Montes iced Jose Osuna, 1
Forrest Winchester knocked out Louis Salf
Dennis Quimayousie beat Juan Dominguez, 10
Melvin Paul halted Chubby Johnson, 3
Ricardo Jiminez beat Darrel Stovall, 8
Dave McCabe outscored Ricky Beaumont, 12
Blaine Dickson beat Jaime Nava, 10
Ricardo Jimenez outpointed Luis Avila, 10
Ray Mancini stopped Kelvin Lampkin, 3

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Johnny Sato stopped Reynaldo Zaragoza, 8
Cornelius Boza-Edwards outpointed Roman Contreras, 10
Mike Frazier stopped Ken Carpenter, 3
Carlos Hernandez kayoed Aristide Pizzo, 7
(Retained EBU Title)
Jimmy Washington halted Chuy Rodriguez, 4
Roosevelt Rico iced Sergio Garcia, 1
Bob Zessin knocked out Joe Baker, 1

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ray Thompson decisioned Roy Clarke, 12
(For Belize Title)
Myron Taylor stopped Earl Wilson, 2
Mark Davis halted Juan M. Hernandez, 5
Rocky Garcia won by technical decision over
Rafael Gandarilla, 4
Edwin Oquendo kayoed Adonis Torres, 2
John Feeney beat Sammy Sims, 8
Roberto Castanon halted Cecilio Lastra, 4
Jorge Vasquez stopped Antonio Jiminez, 3
Edwin Curet kayoed Bobby Everett, 2
Jaime Casas decisioned Reuben Smith, 10

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Sergio Palma stopped Ulises Morales, 9
(Retained WBA Title)
Mike Ayala decisioned Javier Flores, 10
Ricardo Cardona iced Ralph Barrios, 1
Victor Callejas kayoed Pedro Garcia, 2

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jeff Chandler stopped Julian Solis, 14
(Won World Title)
George Garcia outpointed Ricardo Varela, 10
Humberto Rodriguez kayoed Juan Castellanos, 8
Chuy Portillo decisioned Gilberto Villacana, 10
Joe Ruelaz stopped Manuel Cruz, 2
Gary Nickels beat Jimmy Bott, 8

FLYWEIGHTS

Steve Bell halted Pedro Solo, 13
(Retained Australian Title)
Candido Tellez stopped Candy Iglesias, 5
Felix Castillo kayoed Armando Hilario, 2
Dave George outpointed Neil McLaughlin, 8

Amateur ratings

HEAVYWEIGHT
1-James Broad, Army
2-Michael Arms, Madison, Wisc.
3-Tony Robitaille, Colchester, Vt.
4-Joe Ballard, Lynchburg, Va.
5-Joe Thomas, Philadelphia
6-Freddie Guzman, Fort Worth
7-Al Evans, Chicago
8-Parris Flowers, Marines
9-James Brown, Shreveport, La.
10-Johnny Keyes, Santa Monica
Julio Feliciano, Salt Lake City

178 LBS.
1-Elmer Martin, Navy
2-Alex DeLucia, Santa Monica.
3-Johnny Williams, Chicago
4-Steve Eden, Des Moines
5-Bernard Benton, Toledo
6-Steve Westbrook, St. Louis
7-Kelvin Kelly, Philadelphia
8-Monroe Gage, Minneapolis
9-Calvin Jackson, Marines
10-Michael Brothers, Chicago
Lonnie Epps, San Diego

165 LBS.
1-Charles Carter, Santa Monica
2-Lamont Kirkland, Omaha
3-Ken Watson, Marines
4-Charles Henderson, Kansas City, Mo.
5-Martin Pierce, Flint, Mich.
6-Andy Schott, New Paltz, N.Y.
7-Randy Smith, Chicago
8-Michael Lee, Laurel, Md.
9-William Trendley, St. Louis
10-Charles Douglas, National City, Calif.
Scott Bryant, Army

156 LBS.
1-James Rayford, Navy
2-Alfred Mayes, Santa Monica, Calif.
3-James Green, Newark, N.J.
4-Neil Groom, Shawnee, Kans.
5-Joe Robinson, Baltimore
6-Ken Styles, Marines
7-Lonnie Horn, Rock Falls, Ill.
8-Brian Matthews, Chicago
9-Michael Grogan, Atlanta
10-Chris Reid, Little Silver, N.J.

147 LBS.
1-Eddie Green, Army
2-Gene Hatcher, Fort Worth
3-Kelvin Burton, Santa Monica
4-Darnell Knox, Detroit
5-Michael Wright, Lynchburg, Va.
6-Roman George, Lafayette, La.
7-Tim Christensen, Marines
8-Sean Pruitt, Columbus, Ga.
9-Floyd Peavy, Glen Falls, N.Y.
10-Kevin Andreasen, Salt Lake City

139 LBS.
1-Jerome Kinney, Detroit
2-James Mitchell, Army
3-Terry Silver, Louisville
4-George Haynes, Marines
5-Bryant Ware, Brooklyn, N.Y.
6-Darryl Robinson, Houston
7-Harry Arroyo, Youngstown
8-Darryl Anthony, Florissant, Mo.
9-Manuel Vallejo, Santa Monica.
10-Ellery Thomas, Detroit

132 LBS.
1-Joe Manley, Army
2-Frank Randall, Morristown, Tenn.
3-Vincent Releford, Fort Worth
4-John Johnson, Detroit
5-Frankie Davis, Santa Monica
6-Delio Palacios, Benavides, Tex.
7-David Percifield, Dallas
8-Billy White, St. Louis
9-Henry Hughes, Cleveland
10-Chris Calvin, Nashville
Bret Summers, Marysville, Wash.

125 LBS.
1-Jackie Beard, Jackson, Tenn.
2-Irving Mitchell, Army
3-Joe Johnson, Detroit
4-Charles Brown, Silvis, Ill.
5-Clifford Gray, Boynton Beach, Fla.
6-Ronald Gary, Phoenix
7-Shelton LeBlanc, Carencro, La.
8-Orlando Johnson, Chicago
9-Eiichi Jumawan, Wahiaw, Hi.
10-Roland Cooley, Philadelphia

119 LBS.
1-Harold Petty, St. Louis
2-Steve Cruz, Fort Worth
3-Myron Taylor, Philadelphia
4-Randy King, Nashville
5-Richard Savage, West Monroe, La.
6-David Grayton, Washington, D.C.
7-Tony Montoya, Salt Lake City
8-Benji Marquez, Denver
9-Kenneth Baysmore, Washington, D.C.
10-Barry Housman, Vancouver, Wash.

112 LBS.
1-Jerome Coffee, Nashville
2-Pinky Rivera, San Jose, Calif.
3-Robert Shannon, Santa Monica
4-Louis Curtis, Washington, D.C.
5-Tony Pruitt, East St. Louis, Ill.
6-Larry Gary, Phoenix
7-George Killian, Marines
8-Tyrone Stewart, Army
9-Billy Smith, Avilla, Ind.
10-Nathan Mattos, Hilo, Hi.

106 LBS.
1-Tommy Ayers, Cincinnati
2-Steve McCrory, Detroit
3-Israel Acosta, Milwaukee
4-J.L. Ivey, Detroit
5-Paul Gonzales, Los Angeles
6-Jesse Benavides, Corpus Christi, Tex.
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

LOU AMBERS

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A TYPICAL Dickensian street punk can be applied to more than half of the professional boxers who fought during the first half of the Twentieth Century. They were hard, lean and hungry, usually coming from lower class neighborhoods. Some of these men were practically gutter-fed, homeless, and had to be fiercely competitive if they wanted to eat the next day.

During the early 1920s, the South Side of Herkimer, N.Y. was a decent and undefiled residential section populated by working-class Italian-American families who guarded their humble hamlet like so many sentinels in apprehension of ethnic clashes. But South Herkimer was not without its share of "ragazzi ruvidi" (tough boys) and wandering street urchins who would leer when given a hasty glance, return an angry scowl to a smile, and rather "slice ya' " than extend a friendly handshake.

On weekends long-awaited from the time the morning whistle called the workers back to the factories early every Monday—the neighborhood rough boys would swagger down to their favorite tavern at nightfall. Like Arabian stallions, they would haughtily walk in the feeble glow of gaslight cobblestone streets, flaunting their muscular frames and making their presence felt. Their elevated brows told the story of their attitudes as they leaned back in the dark doorways of taprooms and run-down buildings with arms folded across their sweat-stained T-shirts, staring steady-eyed to all those who passed them by.

It was that less-than-genteel environment that spawned an ever-smiling youngster named Louis Joseph D'Ambrosio—who would grow up, change his name to Lou Ambers, and fight his way up the fistic ladder of fame to become a two-time lightweight champion of the world.

He looked innocent like a newborn baby, the kind of guy who would walk around an ant hill. And he carried himself about with a magnetically boyish ebullience. But the lustre in his eyes and the brightness of his smile concealed the switch-blade toughness of his neighborhood. For, if Ambers' countenance reflected that of an angel, his heart hid what the residents of South Herkimer might have called a "diavoli pugilisti," meaning fighting devil—one who would stalk the ring with virtually no understanding for the meaning of losing, only an acute awareness of triumph.

When he was 16, Ambers was asked by a neighborhood buddy named Joey Sangetti to help him train for some local bouts. While looking for a place to work out, they were joined by other neighborhood boys who shared the same hopes of someday discovering the story-book fortunes found, they believed, in the world of boxing.

They were taken in by a local priest, the late Rev. Gustave Purificato, former pastor of St. Anthony's Church on South Main Street in Herkimer, who, under his supervision, allowed the boys to train in the basement of the church. In time, he would shift his attention completely to Ambers, taken with young Ambers' perpetual energy as well as his incisive wit and humor. The two spent much time talking over Ambers' ambition to someday stand at the top of the lightweight division—a thought that then only filled his empty nights with a jewel-studded dream.

"Father Purificato was a wonderful man," says Ambers, who recently visited his hometown before attending a banquet for retired fighters in Florida. "He was always my spiritual advisor and a close personal friend and fan. I think he liked boxing. And he never discouraged me." Ambers affirms that since he was befriended by Father Purificato, religion has been a predominant influence in his life. "I've said a prayer every day since 1932, and I've always stayed faithful to my religion. And when I die," he quipped, "and I see the good old man up there, he'll say, 'Lou, how good of a boy were you?' I'll say, 'perfect,' and he'll say, 'Lou, down you go!' "

In a way, Ambers' relationship with Father Purificato can be likened to the legend of Monsignor Edward J. Flanagan's Boys Town, a village for vagrant boys he incorporated in Omaha, Neb. in 1936. But Ambers' childhood was hardly that of a social misfit.

The son of Anthony and Louise D'Ambrosio, Ambers was born on Nov. 8, 1913, one of 10 children born in a three-story building on Williams Street, owned by his father. The family ran a saloon on the first floor, and used the third floor as a formal dining hall for wedding receptions and parties. When his family closed down the saloon and dining hall at the onset of the Great Depression of 1929, Ambers set out to make some money. After helping his buddy train for a few fights, he asked Sangenetti to schedule him for a bout.

"Actually, I fought as a 'bootleg' fighter," says Ambers. "In other words, I was an amateur and got paid. For my first fight I brought home a bundle—I think it was $6. After that I had a few more fights, and won them all. Finally I said, 'Jimney Crickets,' I'm winning all these fights, maybe I should go to New York and turn professional. So I hopped the freights, bummed rides, and slept in jails until I got there. I couldn't get a fight with anybody. So I came back to Herkimer. I did this two or three times until I got hold of a guy named Raphael who got me a couple of fights in New York." By the time the bootleg days ended, Ambers had participated in 136 fights.

Ambers became increasingly disgruntled with Raphael, however, who was "getting me

By JOHN DiMAMBRO

only one fight every month or month and a half. I told him," remarks Ambers, " 'You've got to get me more fights than that. I've got to live, I've got to eat, I've got to do something.' " Raphael became annoyed with Ambers' persistent whining, and stubbornly refused to get him another fight—a stand-off that lasted for over two months.

For his thirteenth professional bout, Ambers fought Brooklyn's Tony Scarpati at Coney Island on June 27, 1933. The "Herkimer Hurricane"—a name Ambers would soon earn for his energetic ring performances—won a six-round decision in a fight that had the crowd on their feet cheering loudly, urging him to return for a second bow long after he left the ring.

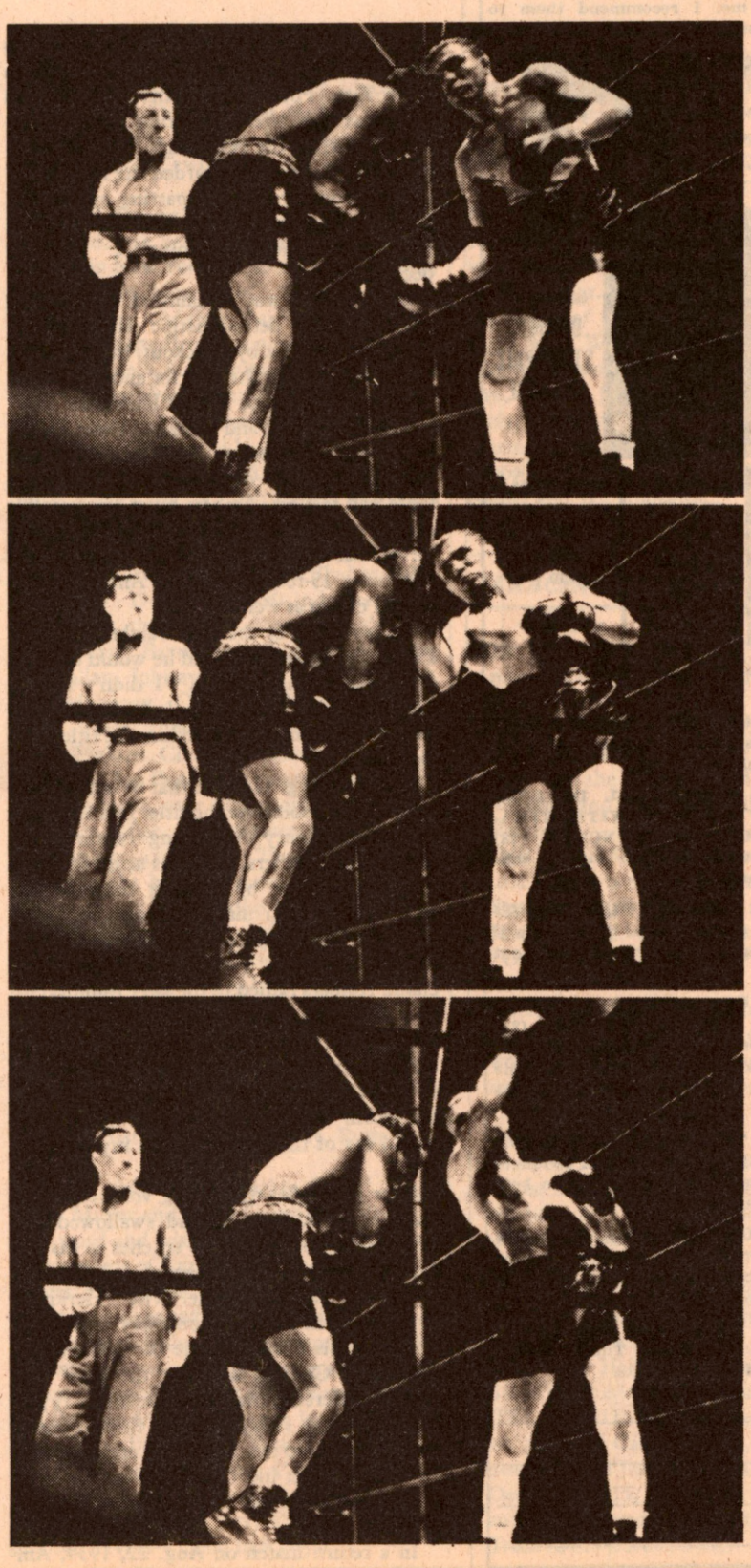
Seated at ringside was a short, heavy-set man wearing metal-rimmed glasses who had the pasty-face look of a carnival barker. His name was Al Weill, and he was applauding too. But more likely for the idea that was going through his head than for Ambers' second bow. When Ambers returned to his dressing room, Weill would be waiting for him with an invitation to be at his office the next day. The subject to be discussed: Weill taking over as Ambers' manager.

Tagging along with Ambers the next morning was his long-time friend from Little Falls, N.Y., Frank "Skid" Enright, who had acted as his trainer since he turned professional. Ambers made an agreement with Weill designating that Enright would stay on as his trainer. Despite Weill's shrewd nature, he gave in to Ambers' preemptory demand. "He had to, or else I wouldn't have gone along with him," says Ambers. "And I didn't sign any contracts. I told him, 'You treat me right, and I'll treat you right.' "

Weill had the keen perception of a barn owl, and he used his sharp-eyed cunning to guide Ambers to the lightweight championship. In the ensuing years, Weill would have three more world champions in featherweight Joey Archibald, welterweight Marty Servo, and the indomitable heavyweight king, Rocky Marciano. But in 1933, he had more than a handful of responsibility with Ambers.

The thought of managing a potential world champion, which passed through Weill's head the night Ambers' fought Scarpati, was no longer a vagrant idea—it was part of the dream Ambers himself had talked over with Father Purificato so many times back in Herkimer. Once all business transactions were settled, Weill and Ambers fixed their eyes on the championship, and the legend of the "Herkimer Hurricane" began.

He lost his first bid for the lightweight title



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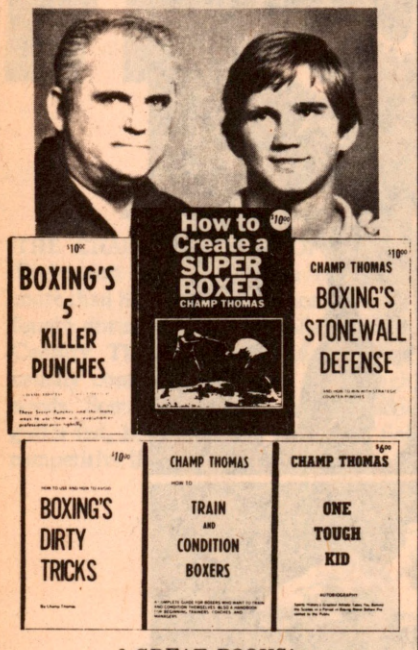

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vacated by Barney Ross in 1933, when on May 10, 1935 he battled Tony Canzoneri in New York. Four years earlier, Ambers had served as Canzoneri's sparring partner. Predictably, when the two fought for the championship, Canzoneri regarded the fight as being just another routine sparring match, and handled Ambers like he would any of his sparring partners, winning a 15-round decision.

But Ambers was undaunted. He trained with renewed determination and won 14 straight fights, six by knockout, hoping to get Canzoneri back in the ring for another shot at the title. On Sept. 3, 1936, "Hurricane Lou" struck New York, and Canzoneri was caught in the eye of the storm. With his pale white face flushed with excitement, and his body tense and restless, Ambers burst out from his corner in the first round and fought with a fervor that Canzoneri could not match to win a decisive 15-round decision. And the lightweight crown as well.

He was king of the lightweights, just like Father Purificato promised he would be if his faith was strong enough. "I didn't lose to Canzoneri the first time," Ambers boasts with enthusiasm. "I loaned him the title—I'm not modest."

It was on Aug. 17, 1938 that he would once again "loan" someone the title. In a ferocious encounter, Henry Armstrong captured the crown from Ambers, who was sent reeling to the canvas twice by flashing combinations which found their mark with amazing accuracy. For 15 fast-paced rounds, they fought like hungry elks over a minor territorial claim. Ambers rallied in the later rounds, cutting Armstrong above each eye and nearly severing his lower lip. Although his mouth rapidly filled with blood, most of which he swallowed, Armstrong somehow weathered the storm and won the decision. Later he would say of the fight, "It was my toughest ever."

After the fight, Armstrong vomited a half quart of blood that he had swallowed and went to the hospital for 16 stitches in his lip. Ambers went home, disappointed but not frustrated. How could he? The "Herkimer Hurricane" had come a long way from sparring with his friends in the basement of St. Anthony's Church, and not the easy way. "It's so different now," says Ambers. "A guy has one good fight, and he finds himself ranked in the top ten. If he loses one, he could be through—just like that. Whether I won or lost, I had to climb my way to the championship.

In a return match on Aug. 22, 1939, Ambers decided he had loaned the title to Armstrong long enough and wanted it back. He won the 15-round decision and regained the championship. But the fight was not without its controversial moments. Armstrong was docked five rounds by referee Arthur Donovan for hitting low, a penalty seldom exercised in a championship bout. But the fight was another vicious affair, and at the end of this one, Armstrong's eyes resembled thick black goggles.

If he had not made it clear in his previous fights, Ambers proved with his victory over Armstrong that he was no quitter. No matter what obstacle confronted him, he would face it straight on and fight it out.

But there *was* one time when the gutsy little guy from Herkimer wisely quit. On May 10, 1940, Ambers lost the championship to Lew Jenkins in three rounds. "I begged Al Weill after the first Jenkins fight to give me one more chance. I promised him that if I lost a second time, I'd quit fighting." One year later, Ambers lost again to Jenkins when Weill threw in the towel after seven rounds. And as he promised, Ambers quit boxing and joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1942.

At the close of World War II, he opened a hotel and restaurant with his brother Leslie called The Plaza in their hometown. They sold it in 1948 when Ambers and his wife Margaret, who he married on Oct. 5, 1939 at St. Anthony's Church, moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where they have lived ever since.

In August 1980 while at an old-timers boxing convention at the Disneyland Motel in Anaheim, Calif. it was Ambers vs. Jenkins all over again. This time, however, it was the fighters' wives who nearly engaged in fistic warfare.

"When my husband introduced me to Lew Jenkins," Margaret Ambers recalls, "I said 'Hey Lew, do you still have that lucky punch?' Then his wife said, 'He did it twice.' So I almost got in a big argument with her. I told her that it really was a lucky punch because he never actually knocked out Lou. The fights were stopped. Al Weill threw in the towel in the second fight."

While his wife recollected her story of the Jenkins fight, Ambers smiled with the same boyish enthusiasm that won him the hearts of thousands of fans. "The trouble with boxing today is there isn't many fighters. Most boys go to school, get a good job and get good pay. Why should they go in the ring and get sliced up for a few bucks?" He paused, took a puff from his briar-barreled pipe, and thought for a moment. "Besides, the fighters of today are lucky. For one thing, they're lucky I retired."

VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

BY CHARLES SPINA

THE 18TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE National Veteran Boxers Association, co-hosted by South Florida's Rings 7 and 31, was held at the DiLido Hotel in Miami Beach, Florida. The respective Presidents of these two organizations, Fred Goodman and Fred Gallo, and their committees, did a wonderful job for this three-day convention . . . The convention kicked off on Friday, Oct. 10th, with the registration and the greeting of friends and members all day. In the evening a buffet party was held and many of the old-timers exchanged stories of the past, reminiscent of the good old days. Saturday Oct. 11th a N.V.B.A. meeting and an election of officers was held in the morning (the same slate of officers being elected for another year with no changes) and in the evening a buffet and cocktail party with plenty of food, drink and entertainment kept the V.B.'s hopping until chartered busses provided transportation to the local pro fights—and ringside seats! After the bouts the group returned to the Delido's Moulin Rouge Night Club to wind up the evening. On Sunday, the 12th, the N.V.B.A. meeting discussed the year ahead and President Bernie Manhoff and his elected slate expressed their thanks to the floor. At 6:30 p.m., the Grand Banquet was held, featuring filet mignon and many other goodies . . . Some of the boxing greats that were in attendance were former boxing champions Lou Ambers, Kid Gavilan, Petey Scalzo, Lou Salica, Jimmy Goodrich and also Solly Seeman, Tom Heeney, Ruby Goldstein, Jackie Pilkinton, Vince Martinez, Billy Kilgore, Joe Poodles Sr., Vince Cala, Audrey Jones, Stu Levine, Odin Dudrich, Joe McHugh, Duke Stephano, Chris Dundee, Moe Fleischer and promoter Dave Lewin. Over 400 attended the affair.

Al Reid, former featherweight contender of the world, has been appointed Treasurer of Ring #8 in New York due to the resignation of Lou Forman because of illness . . . Steve Belloise, the one-time hard-hitting belting beauty from the Bronx, is now hospitalized in the Montrose V.A. Hospital in New York . . . Lulu Constantino, the ex-East Side Flash, recently suffered a slight stroke and is a patient at the Jewish Memorial Hospital.

The Veteran Boxer's Association International Ring 101 of Baltimore, Maryland staged their eighth annual Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame Dinner and Dance at Martin's West on Beltway and Security Blvd in Baltimore, Oct. 19th. The 1980 inductees were honored at the dinner: Dom Baccala, Bill Bandy, Earle Bayne, John Borozzi, Al Flora, Kid Julian, Johnny Kapovich, Lou Leavey, Len Mahoney, Chappie Manning. Willie Rock, Vince Tuminello, Tom Walbert and Rudy Watkins. Chairman Buddy Ey and Co-Chairman Joe Poodles Sr. were pleased with the attendance, over 900 people appeared at this gala affair. The former world's light heavyweight champion Tommy Loughran was to be the honored guest of the evening, but could not attend due to ill health . . . Scoop Gallello, president of the International Veteran Boxers Association, attended the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame Dinner . . .

The officers of NVBA Ring 7-II are: Joey Curtis, President; Col. Ed Brown, 1st Vice President; Harry Krause, 2nd Vice President; Buddy Basilico, 3rd Vice President; Joey Maxim, Historian and Charley Roth, Advisor.

Former fistic greats Jackie "Kid" Berg, Harry Mizler and Larry Gains from England send word and wish to be remembered to all the members of Ring #8 . . . The London Ex-Boxers Association and the Brighton-Sussex crowd who attended the annual Ring #8 Banquet last March also send their greetings. The present officers of International Veteran Boxers Association Ring #7 of Boston, Mass. are: President, Tony Shucco; 1st Vice President, Pete Bova; 2nd Vice President, Al Mello; 3rd Vice President, Paul Pender, 4th Vice President, Georgie Martin; and Sergeant-at-Arms are Jerry Zullo, Joe Castro and Lou Vivolo— Good luck boys!

The New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame held Twelfth Annual Induction Dinner on October 26 at the Cameo Banquet Hall in Garfield, N.J. 500 Patrons were on hand to honor this year's honorees: Al DeVito, Johnny DiGilio, Carl Duva, Tommy Elm, Joe Kukal, Joe "Butch" Lynch, Tommy Martin, Sam Rose and Charlie Wallace. Also posthumously: Danny DeMarco, Frankie Kovacs and Willie Ratner. Some of the former Jersey boxing Stars of yesteryear that glistened that night were Willie LaMorte, Tippy Larkin, Charley Fusari, Ernie Durando, Paul Cavilere, Bucky Jones, Carmen Roman, Allie Stolz, Tommy Roman, Paul Cortlyn, Eddie Durino, Frankie Sapone, Lou Meloro, Dom Amoroso, Willie Skidmore, Al Certo, Ernie Ratner and Tex Gonzales.

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GENE FULLMER—Former middleweight title holder, is the Chairman of the UTAH State Boxing Commission, resides in West Jordan, Utah. and is also the owner of "Gene Fullmer's Celebrity Restaurant" in that city.

HARRY JEFFRA—The former bantam and featherweight champion of the world, works for Maryland Racing Commission, and officiates at the Pimlico racetrack. Harry makes his home in the suburbs of Baltimore.

BOB MONTGOMERY—Lightweight champ of the forties, lives in Philadelphia, and is the host of "Flanagan's" Bar and Lounge, which is located at 3, W. 13th Street in Philadelphia.

JACK SHARKEY—The former Heavyweight Champion, celebrated his 78th birthday on Oct. 26th 1980. Resides in Epping, New Hampshire where he lives the life of a retired senior citizen.

PATSY PERRONI—One-time leading heavyweight from Canton, Ohio, who went the distance with Joe Louis in a ten-rounder in Detroit in 1935, now living in Hazlet, N.J. and is employed by the Monmouth Race Track in the Garden State.

Challenger Alvaro "Yaqui" Lopez covers up as Victor Galindez swarms over him late in their title fight on May 6, 1978. Galindez retained his crown with a close 15-round decision. The pair had battled eight months earlier with the same result.

VICTOR GALINDEZ: HE LIVED IN THE RING AND DIED ON THE ROAD

BUENOS AIRES, 1970—JUAN CARLOS "Tito" Lectoure takes his afternoon coffee as usual at the Ringside Bar, a short distance from the entrance to Luna Park. There, he meets with friends, and the conversation is always the same—boxing. The talk this day is about Nicolino Locche, who will be making a title defense soon in Argentina; about Oscar Bonavena, who it was thought by Lectoure and friends to be crazy to accept a fight against Muhammad Ali—just back after a three-and-one-half-year layoff; about Ramon La Cruz and Carlitos Canete; Argentine boxing figures from years gone by; and the latest fistic idol of Argentina, Horacio Saldano.

As Lectoure leaves the bar, he nearly collides with a husky young man carrying a black leather gym bag. The broad-shouldered youth wore an under-sized T-shirt which emphasized his powerful arms. On both hands were large gold rings, and around his broad neck was a thick gold chain, from which hung a large crucifix. His face was partially hidden behind dark glasses. He walked quickly, apparently in a rush to reach his destination. His haste nearly carried him into Lectoure. Argentina's boxing impresario pulled back to avoid the collision.

"Where the hell did this kid come from?" said Lectoure in a loud tone to those around him. "Who does he think he is, Gatica?" referring to Jose Gatica, a rough Argentine lightweight of the late 1940s.

"No, Sir, I'm not Gatica," the big kid answered to the owner of Luna Park. "I'm gonna be better than him. I'm gonna be champion of the world."

Lectoure smiled and wore a surprised look, as the big-shouldered lad walked away from him and towards the Luna Park Gym, his head held high and proud.

"Who is this guy who thinks he's gonna take the world apart?" Lectoure wanted to know. Some friends who knew the powerfully-built lad told Lectoure that he was a former Pan Am Games medalist as well as the Argentine light middleweight

representative in the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. As a pro he was 3-0 and thought he was another Muhammad Ali. Lectoure was told the youngster's name was Victor Galindez. Victor Emilio Galindez.

El Aguila was the cafe Galindez used to frequent with his friends. It was there Galindez used to express his love for hunting. He enjoyed hunting quail with a slingshot. But he had bigger dreams. He wanted to hunt leopard and other big game. It was a dream that had been with him since the age of five. He also talked freely to his friends about wanting to be as strong as Eduardo Lausse, a power-punching Argentine middleweight of the 1950s who amassed quite an impressive knockout record. Galindez also wanted to play goalie for Boca, the popular Argentine soccer team. If it was big and powerful, Galindez wanted it.

As a youngster, there were not many jobs Galindez did not work at. He helped his uncles cultivate their farm and picked corn. He worked in a butcher shop. He shined shoes. He ran errands and sold newspapers. As a hobby he played soccer. Until 1964.

That's when, at the age of 16, and husky as a young bull, many friends began asking him, "Why don't you become a fighter?" One of the people who asked him that was a local fight promoter who needed an opponent for one of his club shows in Lujan, a small town outside Buenos Aires. Galindez was just the opponent he was looking for.

"If I hit that guy I'll kill him," said Galindez, masking his actual fright. "I fight at least three times a day in the streets and never lose," he exaggerated.

The few people who saw the fight—for which Galindez was paid $200—said it was a hell of a bout. Because he had no license, the bout—and there were more like it—does not appear on Galindez' record. Galindez merely counted the money several times, and disappeared into the night. With that first $200, Galindez went out and bought himself a leopard robe and trunks.

Galindez had a thing about leopards. They were fast and wild. Hard to capture. Ferocious fighters. He thought of himself as a leopard. Only he believed he was one leopard nobody could ever cage.

That first victory made him believe in himself more than ever.

"Bonavena started at the bottom," said Galindez. "So will I. I will follow in his footsteps. I am going to be a combination of Bonavena and Gatica. That's what I'm going to be."

Galindez' fantasy of being a leopard could be seen in his first sports car, a Fiat 600. He claimed it "Moved with the grace and speed of a leopard," and even went so far as to have the doors lined with leopard fur. Unfortunately, he had to return the car after three payments because he could no longer afford the car. That was in the early seventies. It wasn't much later that he able to afford the car, along with much more. His youth, strength and determination made him, despite some early career setbacks, one of Argentina's most popular and successful heavier weight fighters.

Galindez was more than just popular, successful and talented. He was also every bit the wild leopard he wanted to be.

"I was an incorrigible," he reflected in later years. "One month before I fought Len Hutchins for the vacant WBA title in Luna Park, I had an accident with my friend's car. In the accident I hurt my right knee. I made mashed potatoes out of it. My brother Roberto and I tried to make like nothing happened. We didn't want Lectoure and Mr. Pradeiro, my manager, to find out. But I couldn't hide it. They knew just by watching me walk and train that I was hurt. They wanted to postpone the fight. I didn't want to hear anything about that. I was afraid to lose a chance for the championship. To make matters worse, I twisted my right ankle while riding a horse one week before the fight. It looked like a melon. Tito wanted to kill me. But my troubles didn't stop there. After the weigh-in for the fight, I went to a restaurant, where I had a portion of Frogs a la Provencal that hit my stomach like a bomb. With a sick stomach, with a badly injured knee and a swollen ankle, I got into the ring. What a crazy man I was."

Crazy or not, injured ot not, Galindez beat Hutchins. He was the new light heavyweight champion of the world. With the title came new responsibilities and a new life. Andres Selpa, the former Argentine fighter turned author, once penned a work entitled, "Without Prejudice." In it, he noted that a fighter, should he become champion, relives some of the childhood he had or wanted to have. It happened to Galindez. He played. With everything. With women. With apartments and investments. With friends. With business ventures. With cars.

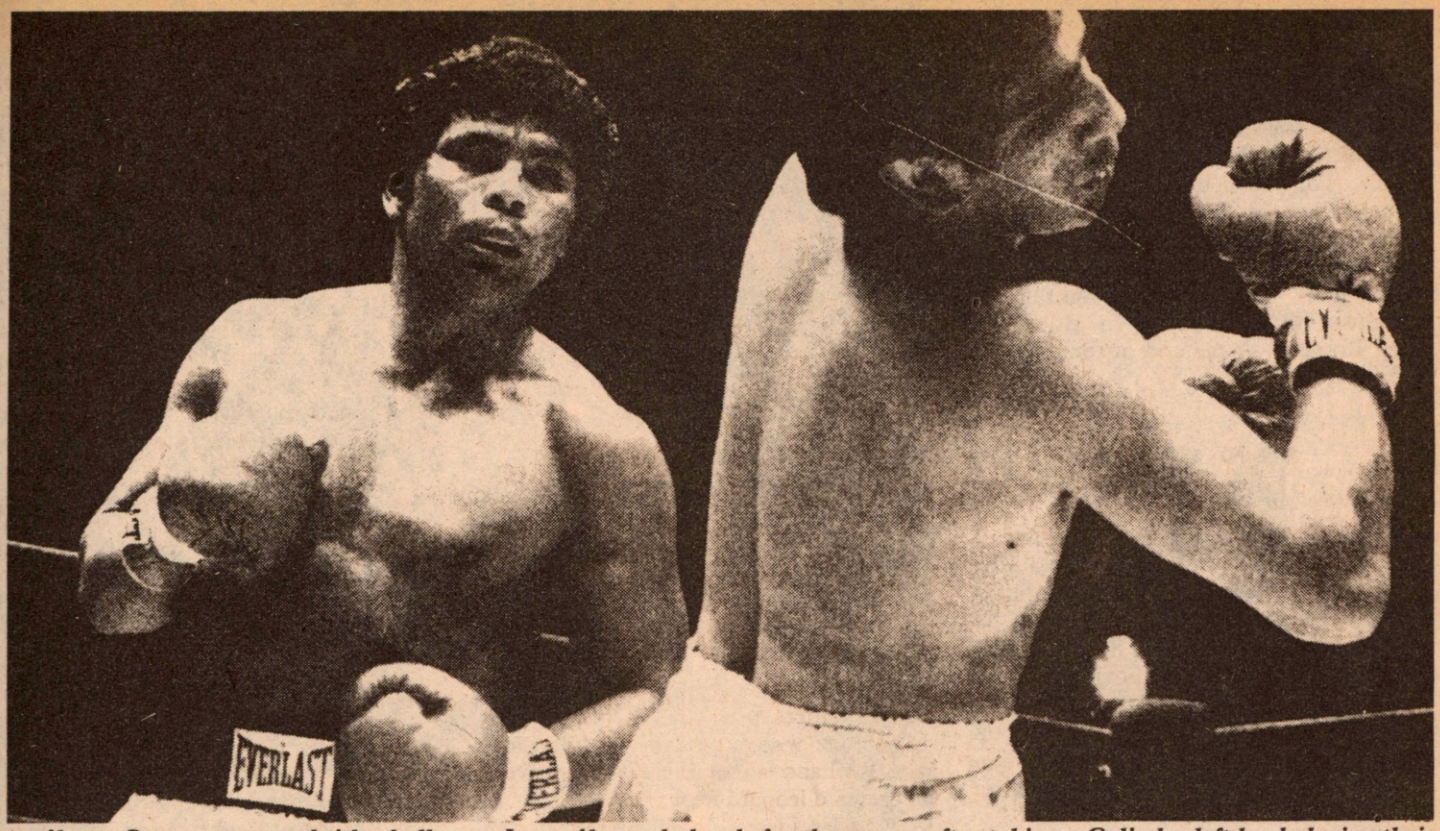
At one point, Galindez owned four Torinos, a Camaro, a Corvair, a Tullieta, four Peugeots, four Fords, two 1978 coupes, one 1974 Chevy pickup, five Mercedes Benz, one Corvette, one trans-am, one BMW, one Yamaha motorcycle and two Kawasaki motorcycles.

He loved playing games with life and money. He moved into a chalet called Ortiz de la Rosa outside of Buenos Aires. Along with the chalet, he bought nine apartments, all of which went to his first wife upon their divorce. Later, he bought three more apartments in an exclusive area in Buenos Aires, as well as another chalet.

There are so many stories about Galindez that they would fill a book. A large book. Here are just a few:

- During training for his June 30, 1975 bout against Jorge Ahumada in New York, Galindez struggled terribly to make weight. After the weigh-in, he ran out and ate chicken—lots of chicken—and soup. It upset his stomach. Made him nauseous. He was sick in the dressing room, but he fought anyway. In a hard fight, which saw him cut over both eyes, Galindez won a 15-round decision.
- The day before his May 6, 1978 title defense against Yaqui Lopez in Italy, Galindez was seven pounds overweight. He did roadwork the night before the fight, then slept under five blankets with the heat turned all the way up. The fight was very close, with Galindez barely winning the decision.
- In order to make the weight for his September 15, 1978 defense against Mike Rossman, Galindez had to jump rope for 70 minutes the day of the fight. Not only did he jump rope, but did it in the superheated boiler room of the hotel he was staying at. It took him two trips to the scale before he made 175 pounds. In the 13th round, the referee stopped the fight, pulling Rossman off a weakened Galindez.

The loss to Rossman was shattering. So was the reaction of those around Galindez. Because of the loss, he realized who his real friends were. Champs always have large amounts of followers. The same was true of Galindez. He loved the affection and adoration the title gave him. It took the loss to Rossman to make him realize that those around him were not truly his friends. The defeat caused many in the entourage to turn their back on



Above: Countryman and title challenger Jorge Ahumada heads for the canvas after taking a Galindez left hook during their June 30, 1975 title bout in Madison Square Garden. Galindez won the decision. Below: Galindez, severely sliced above the right eye, comes back to stop Richie Kates in round 15 on May 22, 1976, in Johannesburg.

him. It was cruel. You're only good when you win, especially in boxing. Fighters are the ones who are always out to destroy their opponents. Fighters are said to be a bunch of assassins; they have no compassion. Actually, the sporting public is even worse. They turn boxing into a Roman circus. They root for the winner. There is no room for losers. It is killed or be killed.

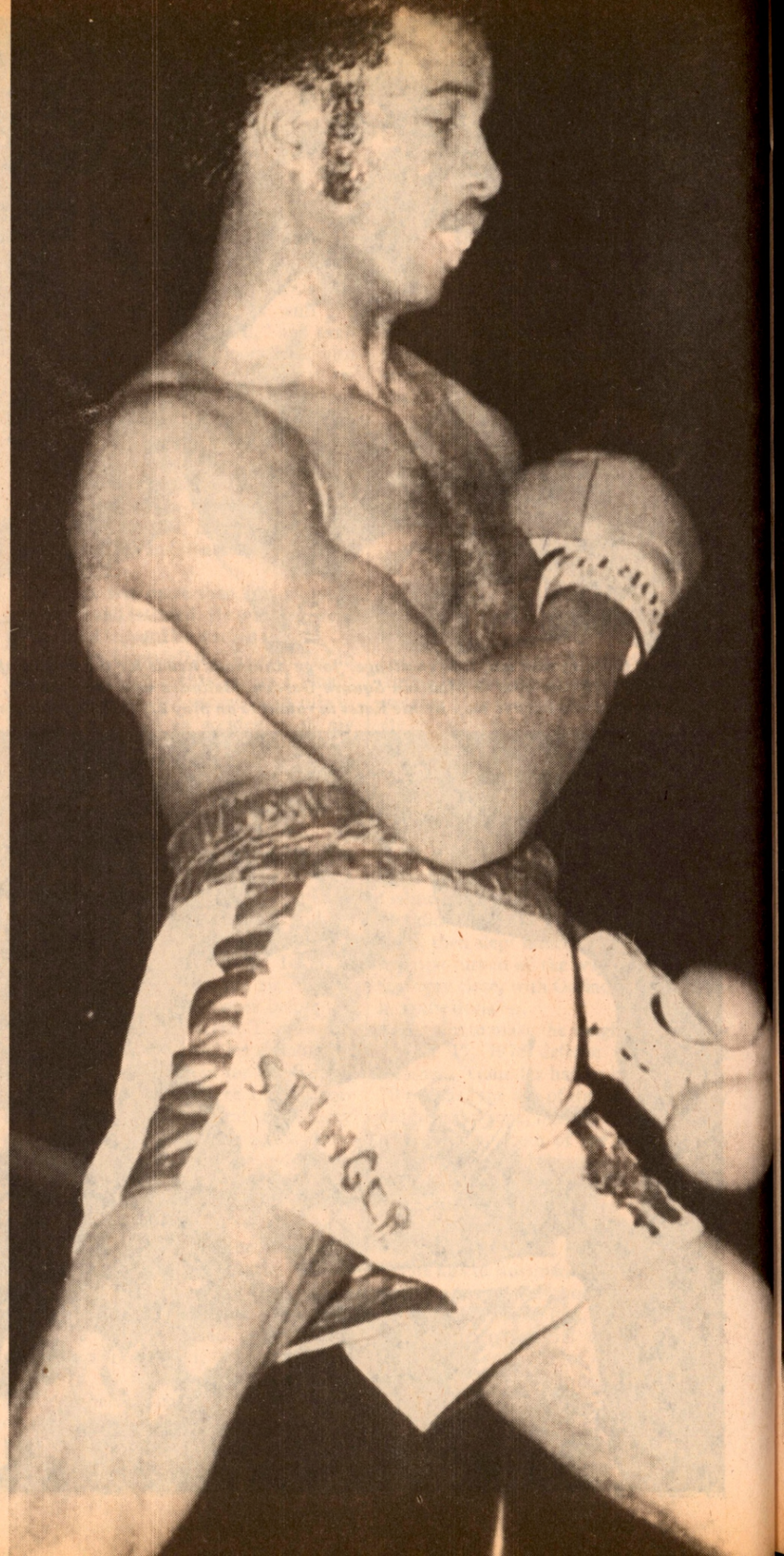
The Galindez entourage returned after their "hero" became the first light heavyweight in history to regain the title, stopping Rossman at the end of round 10 on April 14, 1979.

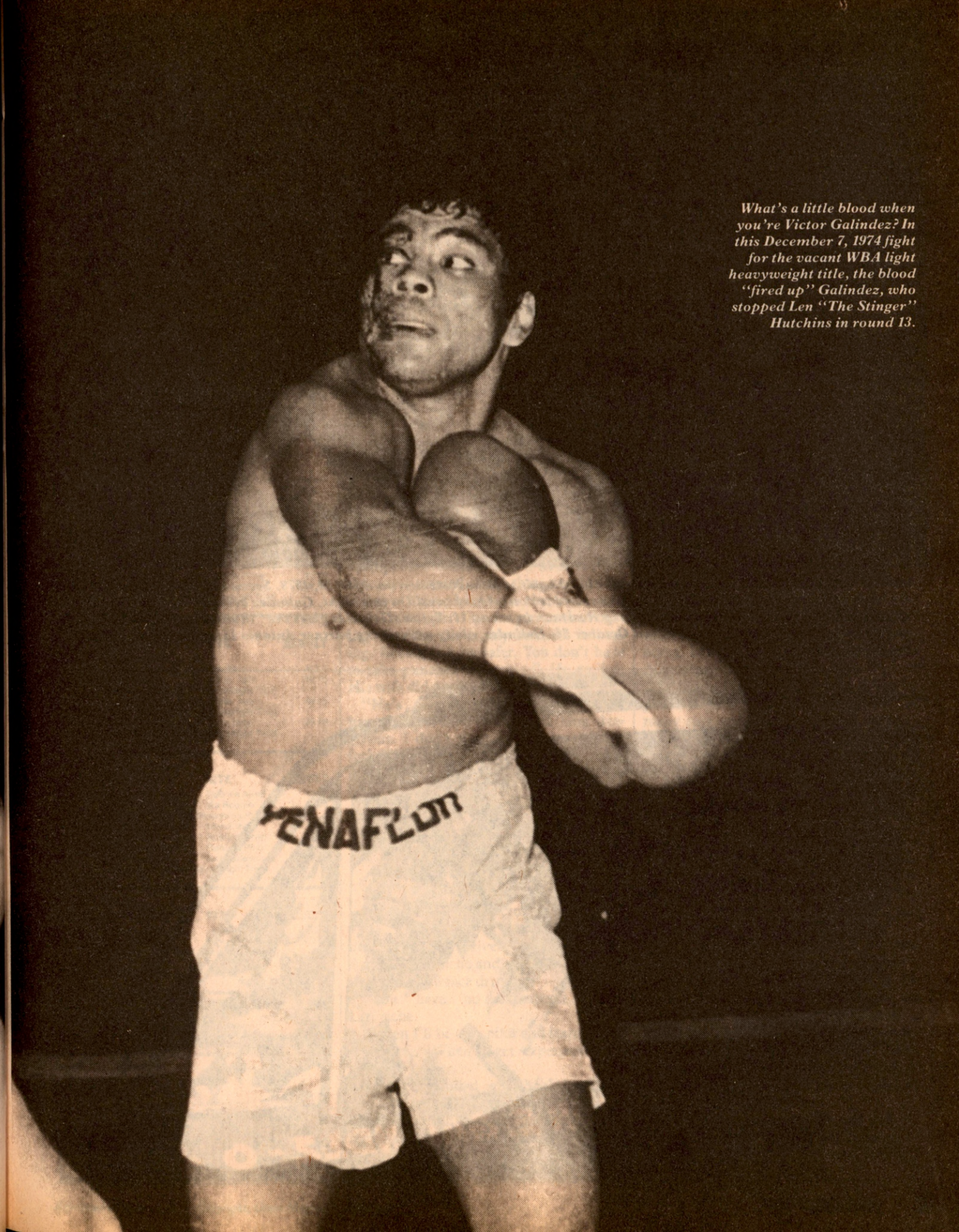
Upon regaining the title, Galindez moved to Miami Beach, where he married Patricio Aguado. Splitting with Tito Lectoure, he put his boxing career in the hands of veteran promoter Chris Dundee. He also formed a promotional group with former middleweight king Carlos Monzon and Monzon's longtime manager, Amilcar Brusa.

Galindez signed a contract with Bob Arum and Top Rank to make his first defense against top-rated Marvin Johnson. When Galindez postponed the fight, asking for more money, then-WBA President Mandry Galindez (no relation) stripped Galindez of the title. However, new incoming WBA president Rodrigo Sanchez told Galindez he would reinstate him if he went through with the fight against Johnson. On November 30, 1979, the fight took place in New Orleans. Improper training cost Galindez the title. He was knocked out in the 11th round, suffering a broken jaw in the process. Following surgery, he stayed in the United States to recuperate. Six-and-one-half months later, Galindez was back in the ring. His opponent was to have been the new cruiserweight champion Marvin Camel. However, an eye injury kept Camel from competing, and veteran Jesse Burnett replaced him. Galindez had fought Burnett in a non-title fight over four years earlier and had decisioned him. He expected at least the same results this time. So did most experts, who considered Burnett to be a washed-up nobody. The "washed-up nobody" dropped Galindez twice, whipping him in a 12-round decision.

Following the loss, Galindez returned to Argentina. He talked with Lectoure and told him he wanted to continue his boxing career. He vowed to train seriously. The two patched up their differences and began to rebuild Galindez' shattered boxing career.

On July 18, 1980, slightly over one





What's a little blood when you're Victor Galindez? In this December 7, 1974 fight for the vacant WBA light heavyweight title, the blood "fired up" Galindez, who stopped Len "The Stinger" Hutchins in round 13.

Above: Galindez follows through with a right hand against Mike Rossman on April 14, 1979. Seven months earlier, Rossman had taken the title from Galindez with a 13th round technical knockout. On this night, Galindez became the first light heavyweight in history to regain the title, stopping Rossman in round 11. Below: Galindez gives the "thumbs up" signal before the start of the "25th of May" auto race last October 26. Galindez, along with racing partner Antonio Lizeviche, were killed only moments after the start.

VICTOR GALINDEZ

Height: 5'10" **Reach:** 73"
Weight: 175 pounds
Born: November 2, 1948,
Vedia, Buenos Aires, Argentina

1969-1973:
37 bouts, 25 wins (17 knockouts), 6 losses, 4 draws, 2 no contests.

1974

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 16	Ray Anderson	Balcarce	KO 2
Apr. 5	Ruben Gonzalez	Rio Cuarto	KO 3
June 8	Jose Gonzalez	Buenos Aires	W 10
July 12	Domingo Silveira	San Juan, Arg.	KO 5
Sept. 14	Angel Oquendo	Buenos Aires	W 10
Oct. 4	Domingo Silveira	Parana	KO 4
Dec. 7	Len Hutchins (Won WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Buenos Aires	KO 13

1975

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 15	John Griffin	Balcarce	KO 6
Apr. 7	Pierre Fourie (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Johannesburg	W 15
May 16	Ray J. Elson	Las Vegas	KO 8
June 30	Jorge Ahumada (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	New York	W 15
Sept. 13	Pierre Fourie (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Johannesburg	W 15

1976

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 28	Harold Skog (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Oslo, Norway	KO 3
Apr. 8	Jesse Burnett	Copenhagen	W 10
May 22	Richie Kates (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Johannesburg	KO 15
Aug. 21	Billy Douglas	Buenos Aires	W 10
Oct. 5	Kosie Smith (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Johannesburg	W 15

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 6	Guillermo Aguirrezabala	Mendoza	KO 4
June 18	Richie Kates (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Rome, Italy	W 15
Sept. 17	Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Rome, Italy	W 15
Nov. 19	Eddie Gregory (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Turin, Italy	W 15

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 8	Ramon Cerrezuela	Buenos Aires	W 10
May 6	Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez (Retained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	Via Reggio	W 15
June 16	Antonio Musladino	Mendoza	KO 9
July 8	Waldemar Paulino	Buenos Aires	KO 9
Aug. 19	Marcos (Kid) Tosto	General Pico	KO 6
Sept. 15	Mike Rossman (Lost WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	New Orleans	KO by 13

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Mar. 10	Roberto Aguilar	San Miguel	KO 7
Apr. 14	Mike Rossman (Regained WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	New Orleans	KO 10
Nov. 30	Marvin Johnson (Lost WBA Light Heavyweight Title)	New Orleans	KO by 11

1980

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 14	Jesse Burnett	Anaheim, Calif.	L 12

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S	*NC
68	53	9	4	32	2

*No Contest

from *The Ring Record Book*

month after losing to Burnett, Galindez was beginning to look like his old self. Then, while sparring with Antonio Musladino, he felt a pain in his eyes. On July 30, he was operated on for two detached retinas. Galindez did not appear too concerned about the seriousness of the operation, for he had been injury-prone throughout his career: injuries which included multiple injuries from a fall off a motorcycle; a severely lacerated elbow after a fall by a swimming pool; surgery on a broken right hand; the broken jaw against Johnson; a dislocated elbow in the second Rossman fight; and numerous cuts above, around and below each eye. However, when Galindez went to be examined on August 16, he was told by doctors, "No more boxing." Twelve days later, he annouced his retirement.

Although he gave the outward appearance of being happy, his long boxing career was over. Galindez was inwardly sad. When asked, "What will you do now?" he answered, "That's my problem. All I can do is fight." Jokingly, he added, "Fight, and make mistakes." He pondered his next move in life.

"When I was a child I wanted to be a leopard, to be free, to be hunted, to escape. I became one. I wanted to become a champion. I became one. I lived my life the way I wanted. I did that, too. I think I'd now like to become a champion auto racer. It's a sport less dangerous than boxing. You can die at any moment in boxing. Racing is a lot safer. You don't have to take punches in racing." He smiled. His wife did not smile.

"He's crazy," she said. "He's not happy unless he's doing something dangerous. I don't want him to race. What for? He's got to think of his family. He just can't continue to run around and take life any way he wants to. He's like a kid."

October 4, 1980—Galindez went to a mechanic-race driver friend named Antonio Lizeviche and asked him for help in becoming a race driver.

"You have no experience," said Lizeviche.

"Then I'll be a co-pilot and learn," said Galindez. "When I get experience, I'll buy a car and race."

Lizeviche smiled and shook his head. Then he agreed. He helped Galindez get his racing license. Once the former boxing champion was issued the license, his competitive spirit was rekindled. He was alive again.

It was a ridiculous accident. Stupid. Incredible. It was not the way Galindez would have wanted to go out. It was unspectacular, unlike many of the fights Galindez once was in. According to reports, the car Galindez and Lizeviche were in sustained engine trouble. They pulled alongside the road and got out, facing the oncoming vehicles in the race. The cars were moving at close to 125 miles per hour. Another car had pulled off along with Galindez' Chevrolet.

"Stay in your car," shouted the driver. "They'll come for us. Stay in your car." Neither Galindez not Lizeviche paid attention.

Suddenly, there was a crunching sound. Then the sound of broken glass. Then came the sound of screeching tires. Car number 71, driven by Marcial Feijoo, had gone out of control, hitting the rear of the car on the side of it. Feijoo then swerved away, losing control of his vehicle. It slammed into the bodies of Galindez and Lizeviche, killing them instantly. It was 1:25, Sunday, October 26, 1980.

Galindez body was laid out in Luna Park, the site of so many of his fights, the arena where he became champion. He was the first Argentine to win the title at home. Ironically, he never defended it in Argentina.

In death, Galindez' face wore a sad expression. The marks and scars of his many ring wars stood out more in death than they ever did in life. The strong aroma and essence of the many floral wreaths around his casket hung in the air the way his death did. On the bottom of the casket was the flag of the national soccer team, Boca, the team Galindez had dreamed of playing for as a youth. Tens of thousands of mourners came to pay their final respects to the man who will be regarded as one of Argentina's—if not one of history's—greatest and most exciting warriors.

Galindez' story is a sad one. He won many times in the ring, but outside of it he had less than a winning record. He knew all about blood pouring from cut eyebrows, about hands raised in victory, about fan adulation, about battered faces, about championship trophies and belts, about huge sums of money and how to spend it, about pain, about life. But he never knew peace of mind.

He always wanted to be the leopard who escaped the hunter. For so long, he survived and ran free. But now, the leopard has been caged. Forever.

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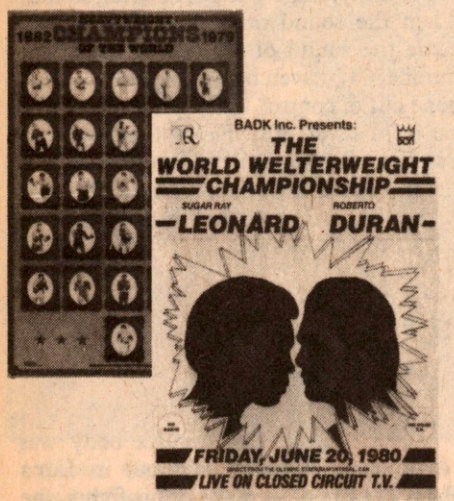

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INSIDE BOXING

FIFTY YEARS AGO PINKIE GEORGE PROmoted his first professional boxing match. On Oct. 13th, 1930, George had Mickey Walker, the Toy Bulldog "on top". Mandell tried mixing it with Walker and was kayoed in the first round! Pinkie, a Massachusetts native, is now based in Des Moines, Iowa. Born in Lowell, Mass., his heart is still there. Over the years Pinkie also handled the likes of the great Lee Savold, Johnny Paycheck—both foes of the great Joe Louis—and later on the Flanagan brothers out of St. Paul, Minnesota, among many others.

Talking about old timers in boxing brings many great names to mind. Among my many acquaintances was Deacon Jack Hurley, who died a few years back in Seattle, Washington, one of the last of the old breed in this business. Back in 1930, Hurley talked the owners of Silver Spray Bottling Co., a big soda pop plant in Duluth, Minnesota, into donating a corner of their huge warehouse for a boxing gym for the kids of Duluth. The Silver Spray Gym, as Hurley called it, produced such ring greats as Charley Retzlaff, Billy Petrolle, King Tut, Issy Levine and a ton of preliminary fighters over its many years of existence. . . . Later, Hurley moved on to Seattle, where he resided in the Olympic Hotel, for years. He promoted the Pete Rademacher-Floyd Patterson heavyweight title fight in Seattle's Sick Stadium, which drew a "house" of 16,961 with a gross gate (live) of $243,030! The date of the match was August 22nd, 1957, and this was Rademacher's first professional fight! Patterson's purse was a guaranteed $250,000—and Rademacher was given his training expenses for his professional debut. Hurley took a "red ink bath" to the tune of $100,000, even though the theater TV did 2 million dollars.

Angelo Dundee was approached by a young man named Fern Cuza, who wanted to name his college boxing team after Dundee. Naturally Angelo agreed to it, quite a compliment to one of the nicest guys in this business. Always a gentleman, and always ready to help anyone in boxing, Dundee continues to be the top trainer and manager in the game. Dundee's latest acquisition is heavyweight Jimmy Clark, top ranked amateur competitor, who has now cracked the punch for pay ranks!

The California State Athletic Commission selected Javier Ponce to replace Jim Baiz as their chief executive officer in Sacramento. Baiz resigned the post after the resignation of Roy Tennison. Ponce is a retired Los Angeles police officer. Baiz will move to Las Vegas, where he will be employed by a yet unnamed international boxing group.

Jackie Martin, former top notch Coast Guard boxer during WW II, who was training with the late former welterweight champion, Marty Servo, is still helping out youngsters in his native Philadelphia. Jackie, together with Leotis Martin—who was on the threshhold of a world heavyweight title fight when he kayoed Sonny Liston, but suffered a detached retina and was forced to retire—are involved in a boxing program with youngsters in the City of Brotherly Love. Martin sent me a copy of "Once They Heard The Cheers", a book with several fine boxing stories written by W.C. Heinz. Thank you, Jackie, old buddy!

Does the Iowa State Boxing Commissioner, Allan Meire, think that truck drivers, bartenders and street fighters qualify as conditioned boxers? If not, why does he let these fellows compete in their latest fad, "Tough Guy Fights"? What if one of these so-called "tough guys" is killed in these brawls? The State of Iowa and the city sponsoring the show—plus Gov. Bob Ray—would be sued. The answer is obvious: Get the politicians out of boxing. Pick boxing men for commissioners' posts, not pols! This condition prevails around the U.S. The boxing commissioners post is usually a political payoff for some politician's "legman" and hack!

The new owner of the Buddy Gleason Gym in N.Y.C. is Peter Kleinman. He has a ten-year lease or he would not have bought it. We wish him well in his latest venture.

At a huge boxing banquet honoring Marvin Hagler in his native Brockton, Mass., for winning the middleweight title, the Governor of Massachusetts, Edward King told the gathering of over 600 local fans, how proud he was of Marvelous *Melvin*! Former Heavyweight King Jersey Joe Walcott toasted Hagler with a glass of water and a poem. Walcott is the Chairman of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission. This was his very first visit to the hometown of his conqueror, Rocky Marciano, and he posed for a photo with Rocky's brother Peter Marciano, a look-alike of the late Rocky indeed!

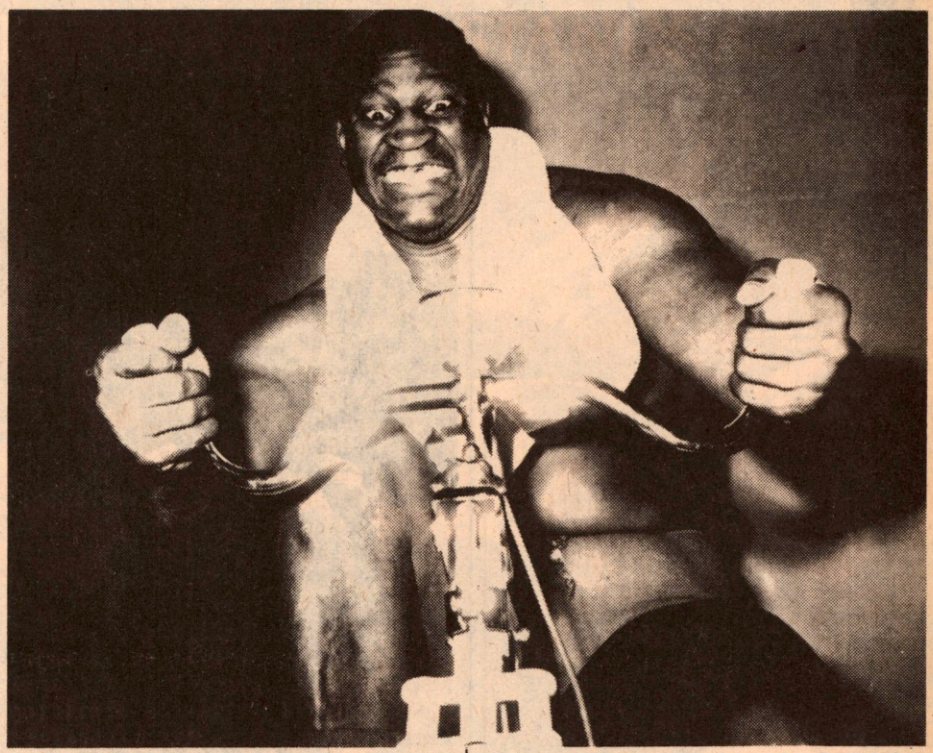
See you next month, keep punching!

SAILOR DON SAUER

RED ALL OVER

By Red Smith

A BIG MARSHMALLOW: BUSTER MATHIS



NOV. 17, 1971—BUSTER MATHIS IS BIG AS Texas is big, and it has been said that in this state a man can drive farther and look longer and see less than anywhere else in the nation. There may have been more peaceable prizefighters than Buster, but none his size; pound for pound, he probably is the mildest gladiator in circulation.

He is a decent, sensitive monster with one attribute that makes him seductively beautiful by fight-mob standards. The late Don Skene described this trait in a novel called *The Red Tiger*. "He was kind of a marshmallow," Don wrote, "but at least he was a big marshmallow."

Buster came back to Houston for the first time since Feb. 6, 1967, when he performed in a preliminary with one Tugboat Thomas, a canvas-back from North Carolina. At first sight of Mathis undraped, Thomas genuflected, Buster struck him in the middle of his haircut, and Tugboat was one with Nineveh and Tyre.

In the main event that evening Cassius Muhammad Ali Clay disposed of the title pretensions of Ernie Terrell, then recognized by the World Boxing Association as heavyweight champion, stabbing, hacking and taunting Terrell over 15 rounds. Now the preliminary boy and the former champion returned to Houston to meet in the feature of a show the promoters hope to sell on theater television. With a display of courage as stirring as any likely to be seen in the ring, the promotional firm of Top Rank, Inc. has contracted to pay Ali $300,000 for the engagement.

To Ali and almost everybody else, the tryst in the Astrodome was a mere pause on the way to a second match with Joe Frazier for the world championship. To Mathis it was a new start in a profession he forsook two and a half years before when, after a dismal defeat by Jerry Quarry, he went home to Grand Rapids, Mich., to brood and eat and play a little semipro football and eat some more until his weight hit 320 pounds and his savings account scraped bottom.

Trained down to a svelte 260 pounds and theoretically imbued with new confidence—he says rehabilitation set in last March 8 when he watched Frazier whip Ali and decided he had more talent than the pair of them—he keeps reminding himself that he is the only man on Earth who ever beat Frazier.

Ali, of course, seldom opens his mouth without whipping Frazier, but Buster beat Joe twice with his fists in trials for the 1964 Olympics. Four years later they met as professionals and fought on fairly even terms for about eight rounds, until Frazier picked a suitable site and began digging. In the 11th round the avalanche came down.

Now Buster roughs up sparring partners named Dave Matthews and Dick Hall, sits through interviews with monolithic patience, and charms everyone with his unfailing, gentle courtesy.

Tracy Forest, the small daughter of the manager of the Travelodge motel where Buster is staying, had a consignment of candy to sell for her Brownie troop. Buster was her first customer at a table her father set up in the lobby. Buster gave her a $5 bill for one box, then gathered up her entire stock and walked into the cocktail lounge. (Parched travelers who haven't visited Texas lately will be cheered to know that booze-by-the-belt has at last reached these plains.)

"I'm Buster Mathis, the fighter," he told patrons in the bar. "Don't you want to buy some candy?"

In five minutes he had sold $24 worth for the happiest Brownie in the Southwest.

"You're a sensitive man," a reporter said, "and you must be aware that everybody regards this fight as just a whistle stop for Ali. Everybody looks on you as a victim, an exalted sparring partner. How does that make you feel?"

"If I lose," Mathis said, "I'm just batting par. But if I win, that's something else. That's a real upset, man, and a whole new life."

During his two and a half years of soul-searching, Buster and his wife Joan and their baby son lived on what was left of his ring earnings.

"It was hard," he said, "but I guess everything is hard. I know I never got nothing easy."

He grinned, showing a gap in the middle of his smile.

"I thought it'd be easy. I'd be a fighter instead of gettin' a job."

The rueful tone said he knew better now. It is a hard business he chose. It could have been the wrong one for him. ■

LAST ROUND

JOHNNY OWEN

They tagged Johnny Owen the "Merthyr Matchstick", a combination of his hometown, set among the Welsh valleys, and the shape of his 5 ft. 6 in. frame. He wore a skull and crossbones on his robe an encouraged jokes about being able to turn sideways and disappear.

He was totally unknown in the U.S., and comparatively unknown in England. Yet he had grown to be a byword in his home territory of Wales where he fought in the throwback valley towns of Ebbw Vale, Pontypool and Caerphilly. He reminded the Welsh, who know their boxing, of the immortal Jimmy Wilde, born a left-hook away from Owen's neighborhood of Merthyr Tydfil.

Scrape the bottom of a barrel and nobody could come up with the slightest criticism of the 24-year-old member of a family of eight who hardly had a serious date with a girl, was a teetotaler and a non-smoker. He invested his modest ring earnings, buying his parents a village shop.

Passionately shy, Owen addressed his elders as "Mister". He found his confidence from his ability to communicate in the ring. Yet it took his death—45 days after being knocked out by Lupe Pintor in a bantamweight title bout, the first British champion ever to die of a ring injury—to make him famous.

Boxing's big brass in London ignored Owen until the dedicated Welshman won everything in sight—execpt a world title. He took the British bantamweight crown in his 10th fight from fiery Paddy McGuire of Belfast. He owned, outright, a Lonsdale Belt.

He won the Commonwealth title against Aussie Paul Ferrari. The only minor blot on his 26-fight record was avenged last February when he defeated Spaniard Juan Rodriguez—who had received a hometown Spanish "gift" in their first fight—for the European crown.

His build-up was confined to London showings at the Cafe Royal (Oscar Wilde's old hangout) home of the bow-tied National Sporting Club, who had sponsored Welshmen from Peerless Jim Driscoll to Howard Winstone, as well as Scot Ken Buchanan.

Finally, Owen was given the limelight on the Minter vs. Antuofermo bill at Wembley Arena. He boxed rings around the fancied contender, Johnny Feeney, and became world ranked.

Owen's record, his incredible zest for training, a mixture of skill and awkwardness and a left as reliable as the Greenwich time signal propelled him into the position of the most worthy challenger for the crown held by Lupe Pintor.

By hindsight, it might have made sense for Owen to have gathered more "sway" experience before the sinewy challenger was thrown in against Pintor in the hostile environment of Los Angeles, in front of Pintor's partisans.

A knockdown in the ninth was Owen's first in 151 amateur and 26 pro bouts. Inevitably, he jumped up too early. "I'm alright, Sir" he told the ref. Still, Owen was ahead on *Ring*'s scorecard going into the fateful 12th.

Dai Gardiner, a manager who cared and now no longer cares to manage, found it difficult to refuse Owen his chance, despite twice turning down previous offers. "If it had been at home I know the tragedy wouldn't have happened," he said.

His alarmingly thin frame had fought successfully through swarming attacks. He ignored pain. The ring and its basic harshness had a hypnotic appeal for a lovely lad who had difficulty expressing himself outside.

Johnny Owen knew the inherent dangers of being frail and fighting in the toughest game of all. But nothing could have stopped him from accepting the gamble.

In the end, Owen became a victim of his courage as much as Pintor's fists.

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